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Debate marks campaign's final stretch

Polls. Conservatives and the Wildrose party are neck and neck, raising the possibility of a minority government

Alberta's leaders debate heated up Thursday when Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith reiterated she has no plans to legislate on abortion and again hammered at Premier Alison Redford, accusing her of fear-mongering on the issue.

Smith, who just recently revealed she is personally pro-choice, has been fighting fears that the social-conservative wing of her party would use new citizen-initiated referendum rules to overturn contentious issues such as public funding for abortion.

During the debate, Smith insisted her party would nevertheless support citizen-initiated referendums because it is a way for citizens to have a say.

"The reason it has come

up is because the Wildrose has talked about doing it — it's part of their party platform," Redford retorted.

"Three weeks ago, we heard from this leader that her personal views didn't matter. Then we heard that she would take her marching orders from her party. Then we heard that her caucus was important, then we heard her own personal views.

"I will tell you that in our view, a Progressive Conservative view, everyone in our caucus, takes the view that these matters have been settled. They do not need to be raised again."

NDP Leader Brian Mason said that in the United States, such referendums allow special interest groups to impose their views on the majority.

"The Americanization of our political system that the Wildrose prefers with citizen-initiated referenda and so on allows special interests to hijack the political agenda, because it is not usually the citizen themselves, the ordinary person."

In her opening statement, Redford reminded viewers she is a wife and mother and said

Opposition

"The Americanization of our political system that the Wildrose prefers with citizen-initiated referenda and so on allows special interests to hijack the political agenda..."

NDP Leader Brian Mason

her party is about shaping the province's future.

Sherman used his statement to criticize Redford's government for running deficits and abandoning seniors despite oil running at a record \$100 barrel.

Smith said her party will balance budgets and deliver front line care abandoned under the current government.

Mason said the NDP will ensure that surplus dollars from Alberta's cash cow oilsands will flow down to regular Albertans.

The election is just 10 days away on April 23.

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Tasering by police probed

An investigation is underway after a scuffle with Edmonton police left a 34-year-old man Tasered and hospitalized

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Walmart's loonie plan

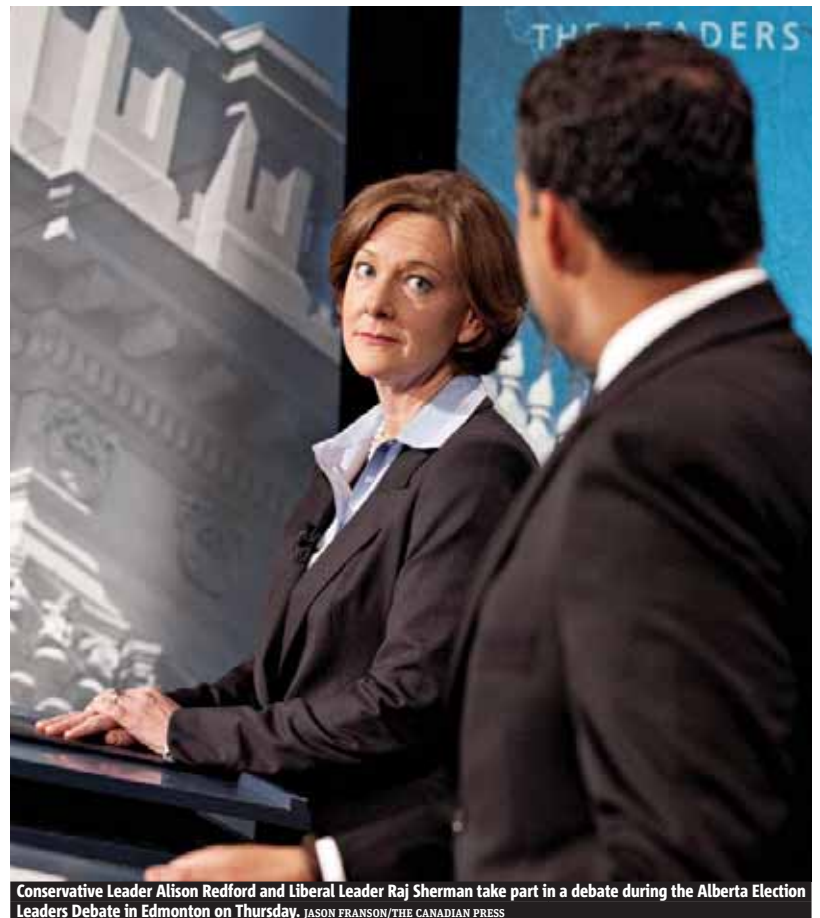
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GNR enter the hall

Metro catches up with Guns N' Roses keyboardist Dizzy Reed ahead of the band's induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

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Conservative Leader Alison Redford and Liberal Leader Raj Sherman take part in a debate during the Alberta Election Leaders Debate in Edmonton on Thursday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Public safety

Final funding for more police officers up for approval

City councillors are being asked to put the final stamp of approval on funding for an additional 68 Edmonton Police Service employees.

During 2012 budget deliberations, council provided \$3 million of a \$4.8-million request for 65 sworn officers and three civilians, suggesting "remaining funds would be made available if the Edmonton Police Commission could prove the service's ability to recruit the employees needed to fill the new positions," states a report slated for Wednesday.

Council will be asked to approve the remaining \$1.8 million on an ongoing basis, as well as an additional \$2.3 million per year starting in 2013 to cover annualization costs.

"We sort of questioned whether the monies could actually be spent in recruiting," said Coun. Tony Caterina. "If they have verified that they have the ability to recruit, then I see no reason not to."

In 2007, 107 recruits were hired; 195 in 2008; 194 in 2009; a planned drop to 22 in 2010; and 104 in 2011. There are 145 recruits in training classes scheduled to graduate this year and next spring, with plans already in place to hire 111 sworn members in 2012.

EPS hires "accommodate emerging needs and attrition," says the report. The 68 additional hires will help continue to implement the Violence Reduction Strategy.

"We're growing," said Coun. Bryan Anderson. "The number of officers should be increasing."

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Edmonton Police Association president Tony Simioni speaks to media at EPS headquarters on Thursday. SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO

Tasering of man in custody probed

'Massive' scuffle.
EPS homicide unit, ASIRT investigating after man, 34, left headquarters 'unresponsive'



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The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team and the Edmonton Police Service homicide unit are investigating after a 34-year-old man had to be hospitalized after he was Tasered.

Edmonton Police Association president Sgt. Tony Simioni said at least 12 members tried to restrain the man before deploying a conductive energy weapon on him Wednesday.

"There was a catastrophic battle down the stairs in the cell area," said Simioni, adding the man "appeared under the influence of some substance."

Prior to the incident at police headquarters, the man had been in the custody of one officer, awaiting a bail hearing, when an officer-in-distress alert was sounded.

Computers were broken, desks knocked over and TV monitors sent crashing off

walls in the course of the "massive" scuffle, which Simioni said started suddenly.

After being Tasered, the "large" man needed medical help, which officers provided, including giving CPR and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, he said.

"At some point in time it was evident to our officers medical distress in a serious way was occurring with this suspect," said Simioni, who couldn't say how many times the device was deployed.

The man left EPS headquarters breathing but "unresponsive to external stimuli," he said.

His medical condition was not known on Thursday.

Caught on camera

- EPS has notified the Solicitor General's office, which directed EPS to investigate, along with the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team.
- Police said the incident, which lasted 10 minutes in total, was caught on camera but they have not made that footage public.

Two officers were hurt and several others "traumatized," from the incident, Simioni said.

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On the web

Hi-five from a prankster

Now you have one less gesture you can trust, lest you get suckered into somebody's Internet prank video. Watch at metronews.ca.

Double dutch no prob for this pooch

You'd think having four legs would trip him up, but Geronimo - a.k.a. The Double Dutch Dog - somehow manages to hop, skip and jump through some tough jump-rope activity. Watch at metronews.ca.

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Your candidates. Edmonton-Ellerslie

Jackie Lovely: Wildrose



Jackie Lovely was born in a small town in southern Saskatchewan and is the eldest of six children. After completing her schooling she moved to Edmonton in 1989 where she has raised her two children.

Rod Loyola: NDP



Rod is an artist, educator, community organizer, former business owner and a family man who has lived in Edmonton Millwoods/Ellerslie, for more than 30 years.

Jennifer Ketsa: Alberta Liberal



No description given

Naresh Bhardwaj: PC



Naresh was elected to his first term as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for Edmonton-Ellerslie on March 3, 2008. Naresh moved to Alberta with his family in 1976. Naresh spent 18 years working as a teacher in Pincher Creek, Whitecourt, Red Deer, Calgary and Edmonton, teaching predominantly automotive, mathematics and physical education.

Chinwe Okelu: Alberta Party



Chinwe has been married for 34 years, and has two sons. Chinwe has two post-graduate degrees, an advanced certificate in local government administration from the University of Alberta/Dalhousie University and a training in mediation and negotiation certificate from Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society.

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Your candidates. Edmonton-Glenora

Don Koziak: Wildrose Party



Don finished second in Edmonton's mayoral race of 2007 and fell narrowly short of victory in Ward 2 in 2010.

Ray Martin: NDP



Martin became leader of the Alberta NDP in 1984 and led the party to win 16 seats in 1986, making him leader of the opposition.

Bruce Miller: Alberta Liberals



Bruce moved to Alberta with his family in 1977 and decided to make the province his home.

Heather Klimchuk: PC



Heather Klimchuk was elected to her first term as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for Edmonton-Glenora on March 3, 2008. Prior to becoming an MLA, her public service experience includes working for the Legislative Assembly as a researcher and as a writer.

Sue Huff: Alberta Party



Sue served as acting leader of the Alberta Party from December 2010 to May 2011. For six months, she travelled the province extensively, meeting Albertans from all walks of life and doing countless media interviews.



Traditional media still trumps social media when it comes to preferred voter information sources, a poll conducted by Metro found. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION/LAURIE CALLEN

Traditional media still a go-to for election info

Old school. Social media has little weight in educating voters



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Despite social media's rise in popularity over the last few years, traditional media is still king when it comes to voter education.

A Metro poll conducted

Quoted

"Generally speaking, people will use the media they're more comfortable with."

Chaldeans Mensah, political science chair at MacEwan

April 3 to April 10 found that 44.6 per cent of participants choose traditional media — newspapers, television and radio — when making their voting decisions.

That compares to 18.4 per cent who look to candidate websites and 20 per cent who

rely on social media.

MacEwan University political science chair Chaldeans Mensah said traditional media tends to be used more not because of reliability, but because the age group that relies on traditional media are also more likely to vote.

"Generally speaking, people will use the media they're more comfortable with. If an individual gets most of his or her news from social media, they're likely to stick with that," Mensah added.

But social media shouldn't be completely written off, as it allows for interaction between voters and candidates that may not be available otherwise, and also allows candidates to do some damage control if need be, Mensah said.

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Trash Timeline

When comparing waste management today with methods 30 years ago, there is a drastic difference, said Garry Spotowski, education programs co-ordinator with the Edmonton Waste Management Centre.

"There was no municipal program having to do with landfill diversion whatsoever," he said. "Basically everything went into a landfill."

- **1988.** When curbside recycling launched citywide in 1988, Edmonton was one of the first cities in North America to offer

the service. The 89 per cent participation rate helps divert 20 per cent of waste from the landfill.

- **1995.** Edmonton opened its first eco-station in 1995, followed by a second in 2000 and a third two years ago. City stats say usage increases 15 per cent each year.
- **2000.** The composting facility opened just over a decade ago, helping to divert 40 per cent of waste from the landfill, bringing the total to 60 per cent.



An aerial view of the Edmonton Waste Management Centre, located on the eastern edge of the city. CONTRIBUTED/CITY OF EDMONTON

Landfill's loss

The three major components to waste diversion include recycling, composting and extracting energy, such as ethanol and methanol, from the "stuff leftover," said Garry Spotowski.

Edmonton currently

diverts close to 60 per cent of residential waste from landfill, which will grow to 90 per cent when the Biofuels Facility opens in 2013 — the first of its kind in Canada.

HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

By the Numbers

230K About 230,000 tonnes of residential waste is hauled to the EWMC each year.

5 The EWMC is the size of five West Edmonton Malls.

4,600 Capturing and converting methane from the closed Clover Bar Landfill at the EWMC creates

enough electricity to power 4,600 homes each year.

1,500 A total of 1,500 people tour the facility each year.

300 There are about 300 people working at the EWMC, including City of Edmonton employees and contracted staff.



At the Integrated Processing and Transfer Facility, pictured here, residential and commercial waste is prepared for composting, recycling, conversion to bio fuels — and transfer to landfill for what's left. HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

What you don't know about waste

World wonder. What you may not know about Edmonton's world-renowned waste management



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When it comes to waste, some of it may be weird and wacky to citizens.

Dirty diapers, for instance,

aren't just trash.

"We pick it up as part of your garbage every day," said Garry Spotowski, education programs co-ordinator with the Edmonton Waste Management Centre (EWMC). "Then the garbage is separated by people and machinery into an organic stream ... and an inorganic stream."

"The fibre is compostable while the plastic lining is recyclable."

While Edmontonians know garbage and recycling is collected at the curb, many may not know how much

goes on once it's taken away.

Spotowski said unknowns likely include how many items can be taken to eco stations, or that old sheets, denim and dish towels can be converted into fine office paper.

"The biggest sort of misconception, if you will ... is composting," he said. "Our system is hidden from the user."

Backyard composting is encouraged but not mandatory, as it is done at the EWMC.

"Often when people think of recycling, they're thinking

newspapers and tin cans — at best that is 20 per cent," said Spotowski. "A much bigger part is organic."

But recycling is important.

Newsprint becomes shingles, plastic bags become drainage pipes and glass is used in reflective paint — but there are some things Spotowski would like citizens to stop trying to recycle, such as blister packaging.

Overall, it's a happening and growing place.

"(It) is unique," said Spotowski. "And there are some surprises as well."

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City hall. Fire chief praises councillor for quick thinking

A city councillor did everything right when he extinguished a kitchen fire at city hall Wednesday.

Coun. Tony Caterina discovered an electrical fire in the dishwasher in the Councilors' Boardroom at about 6:50 p.m., but quickly put it out.

Caterina's actions were commended by Edmonton Fire Rescue Chief Ken Block Thursday, and he received an honorary firefighter designation and fire helmet. **METRO**



Tony Caterina. LAURIE CALLEN/METRO

Sexual assault charges

Teacher pleads not guilty

Southern Alberta teacher Bradley Mastel has pleaded not guilty to several sex-related charges.

Police arrested a man on Feb. 17 who was found in a car with a 14-year-old girl at a Medicine Hat park. Mastel faces charges including sexual assault and unlawful confinement.

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Type 1 diabetes

PCs promise free insulin pumps

The Alberta Progressive Conservatives are promising to do more to help people who suffer from Type 1 diabetes.

Premier Alison Redford says if the Tories win the April 23 election the government will give people with this form of diabetes free insulin pumps.

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Det. Regan Owen, right, with the EPS robbery section, put on a presentation at the University of Alberta March 20 with analyst Jared Hewko, left, and pharmacist Nicole Schettler, who has been a victim of robbery. COURTESY SCOTT PATTINSON/EPS COMMUNICATIONS

Rx: Theft training for pharmacists-to-be

Crime class. Police teaching pharmacy students to prepare for robberies, in light of recent stats



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On top of becoming qualified to do their job, pharmacy students at the University of Alberta are trained on how to deal with robberies.

Edmonton Police Service robbery Det. Regan Owen began conducting presenta-

Quotable:

"Obviously the trend is increasing."

Det. Regan Owen

Commenting on increased numbers of pharmacy robberies this year compared with last.

tions after he noticed the array of reactions pharmacists had when being robbed, as compared to trained bank tellers, who act in a more consistent manner, he said.

The presentation has been put on more than 200 times since that realization three years ago, but the newest audience is the university.

Owen has visited third and fourth year students five or six times, he said, adding, he would like to offer it to first-

and second-year students as well.

There have been 17 pharmacy robberies for narcotics so far this year. There were 31 in total last year.

Dr. Harold Lopatka teaches Pharmacy Management and offers the presentation.

"When you think of the statistics of pharmacy robberies, there is a high probability that these new graduates will experience a robbery during their working career as a phar-

Other initiatives:

- EPS launched a poster campaign earlier this year recommending a sign advertising that the pharmacy does not carry OxyContin.
- Membership with Store-watch is also available for pharmacy owners, which provides ways to "crime-proof," including video surveillance and information for staff.

macist, so it is essential they know how to keep themselves and others safe," he said.

Discovery. Remains found near Westlock ID'd

RCMP have identified human remains found near Westlock in 2010 to be those of an Edmonton woman missing for more than three years.

The remains are those of Annette Holywhiteman, who disappeared from the city in the summer of 2008 and who has been the subject of a missing person investigation since April 2009. A skull was found by hunters on a rural property near Westlock in November 2010.

Investigators consider

the death suspicious and ask anyone with information to call Project KARE tip line at 1-877-412-KARE (5273), or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Project KARE investigates the deaths of missing persons with high-risk behaviours throughout Alberta. RCMP said Holywhiteman, was an Edmonton resident with a high-risk lifestyle, and describes her as five-foot-seven, 140 lbs., with brown eyes and brown hair when she was last seen. **METRO**

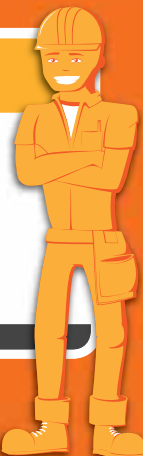
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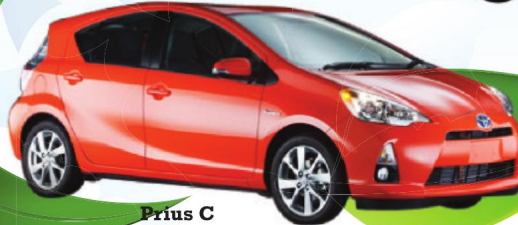
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For those who are curious to know what it's like to have cancer or what to expect from prostate surgery, there's an app for that.

Dr. Jonathon White said "Surgery 101," born three years ago to teach his med students at the University of Alberta, grew so infectious popular it made sense to create an app.

It launched worldwide on Tuesday.

"We get between 1,500 and 2,000 downloads a day. This time last year we were at

App facts

- The Surgery 101 app is available for \$0.99 for the latest 10 episodes, or \$4.99 for a year's subscription, plus accompanying notes for students.
- A third of the money raised from app sales will go back into surgical education training through the Tom Williams Endowed chair, a post held by Dr. Jonathon White.

100,000 downloads and there have been 400,000 between then and now," said White.

It's not just students brushing up on their medical knowledge tuning in.

"We had a surgeon here who was talking to a patient about a surgery they were about to have and the patient said, 'Let me stop you there,



Dr. Jonathon White, a surgeon at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and U of A professor, shows his new Surgery 101 app. SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO

because I listened to your podcast already," said White.

Now at 90 episodes, new podcasts are available every Friday.

"You can just open up your phone and listen to all the episodes all the time because they're all there and it just streams directly to your

phone," said White.

For those who prefer to tune in by computer, the podcasts are still free online.

"For me the most exciting

thing is where we're going to go next. We have enough episodes that if I get hit by a bus today (they can) run until September," said White.

NAIT students get glimpse of future in oilpatch



NAIT students got hands-on experience with big oilfield equipment, like this service rig, during an industry day Thursday. LAURIE CALLSEN/METRO

Students at NAIT got up close and personal with the heavy-duty equipment they'll be using in their field at the Petroleum Engineering Technology industry day on Thursday.

The industry day, now in its seventh year, is a chance for students like Matt Nielsen to get out of the classroom and get a better glimpse of the future.

"It's a good thing to focus on before you get out of school and really decide what to do with your life. It gives you a choice, rather

than simply looking at a website and getting hired," said the second-year student who is specializing in geological exploration.

"You can actually get hands-on experience, get on the equipment and talk to people who have been in the industry for 30 years," he added.

"It's a hell of a day," he said, adding the only other chance students get to see the one-of-a-kind equipment they'll be working with is during work placements.

Derek MacArthur, a field

supervisor with Weatherford, said it's a chance for industry professionals like him to network with potential employees as well as keep up with what students are learning.

"It gives me an idea of what's going on in the industry and whether or not people are still interested in getting involved in the oil and gas industry," said MacArthur.

"It also gives me an idea of what the students are looking for," he added.

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Rafferty obsessed with Stafford news stories, court told

Testimony. Former companion says he talked about child abductions

In the days following Victoria Stafford's disappearance, the man accused of killing her was "constantly checking the news" about the story, court in London heard Thursday.

Michael Rafferty's trial is hearing from a long string of former girlfriends and female friends, many of whom were seeing him around the time of Tori's April 8, 2009, death.

Sarah Hodge testified that she met Rafferty on the dating website Plenty of Fish and first met him in person on April 14, 2009.

Hodge said Rafferty talked



Michael Rafferty
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with her about kidnapping children, saying how abducted kids can grow up thinking their abductors are their parents.

He was always checking newspaper and TV reports about Tori's disappearance and claimed to have "inside information" on Tori's mother, Tara McDonald, she said.

Hodge said that at the time there was no back seat in Rafferty's car.

The back seat was gone when police arrested Rafferty in May 2009, and various people have testified about seeing it in the car at points throughout the spring of that year.

But it remains unclear whether it was there on April 8, the day Rafferty allegedly kidnapped Tori in his car with Terri-Lynne McClintic.

Court heard Wednesday from an expert witness that traces of blood found in the back of Rafferty's car almost certainly belonged to Tori.

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A journey of a thousand miles

Roland Fox, Terry Fox's father, helps unveil the Terry Fox Mile 0 sculpture in St. John's, N.L., Thursday. The new monument marks the moment Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope. GRAHAM KENNEDY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Anniversary getting little attention

The Harper government says it will mark the 30th anniversary of the patriation of the Constitution — by issuing a couple of news releases.

Heritage Minister James Moore says he will commemorate the Constitution's birthday next week by releasing a statement, as will the federal Justice Department.

The Prime Minister's Of-

fice says there are no plans to hold a formal event for the anniversary.

The Tories' approach differs greatly from Liberal party plans to mark the occasion with a rally featuring former prime minister Jean Chrétien.

The Constitution was patriated on April 17, 1982, under the watch of then-Liberal Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

Moore says he believes in the Constitution's Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the idea of having a framework that protects citizens from the state.

He says his upcoming statement will follow a recent House of Commons acknowledgment by Conservative MP Michael Chong of the Constitution's importance.

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Manitoba to appeal assault sentencing

Sentence. Victims of sexual abuse by former hockey coach Graham James applaud appeal

Victims of Graham James say Manitoba's Justice Department is doing the "right thing" by appealing the two-year sentence handed to the former hockey coach who sexually abused two of his teenage players hundreds of times.

James was sentenced last month for sexually assaulting former NHL star Theo Fleury and his cousin, Todd Holt, when they played for him in the Western Hockey League in the 1980s and '90s. The sentence, handed down by Winnipeg Judge Catherine Carlson, prompted widespread outrage from both James's victims and the public.

Under the sentence, James could apply for parole and be released by the end of the year.

Holt said he had mixed emotions because he thought the James case was closed. But he said, overall, he's happy the sentence is being appealed.

"I think this is a decision made by all of us, every person out there who thought that the two-year sentence was awful," said Holt in an interview. "It was an embarrassment. It was a travesty. If people are trying to correct that, it would be great."

Even if the appeal isn't successful, Holt said it sends an important message to other child molesters and victims.

"This is an eye-opener for a lot of perpetrators out there," he said. "You can't



Graham James arrives at court in Winnipeg Tuesday.
JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

hide. There are penalties nowadays and we're making the changes."

The Crown had asked the trial judge to impose a six-year sentence, while James's lawyer called for a conditional sentence with no jail time.

James previously served about 18 months of a 3 1/2 year-sentence in 1997 for molesting former NHLer Sheldon Kennedy and two other players before he got out of jail in 2000 and dropped out of public view.

But Greg Gilhooly, another of James's alleged victims, said the Crown is sending an important message by filing an appeal. James was originally charged with assaulting Gilhooly as well, but those charges were stayed.

"This isn't a lynch mob running after Graham James," Gilhooly said. "This is a common-sensical reaction to an unacceptable outcome."

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Students killed when Mexican bus collided with truck

Emergency responders stand next to a passenger bus that was struck by a cargo truck on a highway on the outskirts of Mexico City, Thursday. The bus was carrying students from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) headed to do field studies. At least six students and one professor were killed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Registry. Lift long-arm data, lawyers argue

Federal lawyers were set to argue in a Montreal courtroom Friday that an injunction protecting long-arm registry data should be lifted.

A Quebec Superior Court judge agreed last week to order a delay in the deletion by Ottawa of registry data originating from Quebec. The ruling came after a request by Quebec's Charest government. It means Quebecers are still obliged to register their weapons and that the registry data for

the province will be preserved and maintained.

Federal lawyers claim the injunction is unnecessary because they say there will be no destruction of documents until at least August. The bill to end the federal long-gun registry received royal assent last week and became law everywhere but Quebec.

Quebec has said it wants to conserve the long-arm data for its own provincial registry.

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Budget cuts. Crime agenda weakened: Union

The Conservatives' tough-on-crime agenda is weakened by federal budget cuts, the union representing border guards said Thursday.

Union officials say chopping \$143 million from the Canada Border Services Agency budget over the next three years will hamper its ability to catch child pornography, drugs and terrorists at the border.

The cuts represent more than 1,300 jobs, including intelligence officers and front line agents, the union said.

Cracking down on sexual offences and illegal drugs has been a key focus for the Conservatives, as has border security.

When they were elected in 2006, they increased the number of officers by 400 and since then they've added a further 1,600 new positions, according to figures provided by Public Safety. Union president Jean Pierre Fortin said he remembers applauding those moves, but can't understand why the increases are being reversed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Russia to spend \$1 billion on launch pad



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin presents cosmonaut Alexei Leonov with a prize during an award ceremony in Moscow's planetarium on Thursday.
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Lift-off. Putin says new infrastructure will help alleviate space program's dependence on ex-Soviet neighbour

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said Thursday his nation will spend about \$1 billion this year alone to build a new space

launch pad in the far east that should ease the Russian space program's reliance on ex-Soviet neighbour Kazakhstan.

Putin told government officials in televised remarks Thursday that the first rocket launch from the Vostochny cosmodrome is set to be conducted by 2015, and in 2018 it should launch the first manned mission.

Officials have put the total cost of the project at about \$10

Quotable:

"Only the existence of several space launch pads would guarantee Russia a full independence in space activities."

Vladimir Putin, Russian prime minister

billion. Putin said Russia will continue to use the Soviet-built

Baikonur launch pad it leases from Kazakhstan, but added that a new launch facility of its own is needed to secure the national space program's independence.

Russia has a lease deal to use Baikonur until 2050 for an annual fee of \$115 million. In the past, Kazakh authorities briefly suspended Russian rocket launches from Baikonur following the spill of highly toxic rocket fuel. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Babushka vs. the State

Police block a street as activists stage a protest against alleged election fraud outside the town hall in the city of Astrakhan, Russia on Thursday. Local mayoral candidate Oleg Shein has been on a hunger strike for 28 days in protest. YEVGENY POLONSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

London, U.K.

Police investigate possible hacking

London's Metropolitan Police said Thursday it is investigating whether conversations on its Anti-Terrorist Hotline had been recorded by hackers.

"We are aware of an issue whereby hoaxers have made calls to the Anti-Terrorist Hotline and have made recordings of their conversations with ... staff," the force said in a statement.

"In addition, recordings have been made of conversations between Metropolitan Police Service Anti-Terrorist Hotline staff."

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Famine relief

Rethink cuts, Canada: Aid group

Can Canada ask other countries to contribute big bucks to fight a looming famine in West Africa when it has just chopped \$380 million from its own foreign aid budget?

The answer is yes, according to aid experts pleading their case for the 15 million who face severe malnutrition in the seven-country Sahel belt that stretches from Senegal to Chad.

The head of Mali's peasant farmers union added one caveat: please reconsider those Canadian cuts. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Water festival brings new year in Myanmar

Revelers celebrate Thingyan, Myanmar's annual water festival which ushers in the New Year on Thursday, in Yangon, Myanmar.

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JetBlue captain indicted by grand jury

A JetBlue Airways captain accused of disrupting a Las Vegas-bound flight when he left the cockpit screaming about religion and terrorists has been indicted, according to court documents posted Thursday.

A grand jury in Lubbock, Texas indicted Clayton F. Osborn on one count of interference of a flight crew — the same charge he's been held on since shortly after the

March 27 incident.

Osborn's attorney, Dean Roper, declined to comment.

Witnesses on Flight 191 say Osborn ran through the cabin yelling about Jesus and al-Qaida.

The first officer locked him out of the cockpit and passengers wrestled the captain to the floor. They restrained him with seat belt extenders and zip tie handcuffs while the first officer

diverted the flight to land in Amarillo.

Osborn is undergoing a court-ordered psychiatric exam to determine whether he was legally sane and can stand trial.

Under federal law, a conviction for interfering with a flight crew can bring up to 20 years in prison. The offence is defined as assaulting or intimidating the crew.

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Mexico, Cuba rekindle strained friendship

Felipe Calderon and Raul Castro meet.

Leaders agree to co-operation in the petroleum sector, sign pact to work together

Mexican President Felipe Calderon said Thursday that his brief visit to Cuba was a "re-encounter" between two nations whose long history of friendship has hit some bumps in recent years.

The morning after meeting with Cuban President Raul Castro and other top officials, Calderon said the two men discussed co-operation in the petroleum sector.

Oil officials from the two countries signed a non-binding letter of intent to work together.

State-run Petroleos Mex-



Mexico's President Felipe Calderon.
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icanos will "evaluate the possibility of participating and investing in the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in Cuba in the blocs adjacent to Mexico's exclusive zone," Calderon said.

They also agreed to boost sporting and health exchanges,

and discussed Mexico's opposition to the 50-year-old U.S. economic and financial embargo against Cuba.

"These have been two extraordinary days for Cuba and for Mexico in that their mutual affection has been rediscovered," Calderon told reporters in Cuba.

The Mexican president continues on a tour that will take him to Haiti and a regional summit in Colombia.

Calderon's six-year term ends later this year. He said in 2006 that he would improve troubled ties with Cuba, but his trip was delayed until now.

In 2009, Fidel Castro alleged that Mexico was holding back information about the swine flu outbreak.

The following year the former Cuban leader suggested that Calderon had actually lost his 2006 election to leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.

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Daughter held in Mexico

Father says Ottawa hasn't done enough to help

The father of a Canadian woman charged in Mexico for allegedly trying to smuggle Moammar Gadhafi's son into the country says Ottawa just hasn't done enough to help his daughter.

John McDonald says he understands that Canada can't really interfere with another country's laws, but he says Ottawa can't ignore what he calls "civil rights violations" in the case.

He says Canada wasn't informed of his daughter's incarceration until she was behind bars for four days and she was held without being charged for longer than Mexico's laws allowed.

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Kids as kidnappers

'Mockumentary' on violence

A "mockumentary" showing children as kidnappers, corrupt police officers and drug traffickers is drawing criticism and praise in Mexico.

At the end, the children ask election candidates to help.

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A Japanese soldier stands watch for a North Korean missile launch at Japan Air Self-Defense Force's Chinen base in Nanjo, southern Japan, on Thursday. KYODO NEWS / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Korean rocket crashes into the sea

Long-range dud. Seoul and Washington say missile launch failed

North Korea's much-anticipated rocket launch ended quickly in failure early Friday,

splintering into pieces over the Yellow Sea soon after takeoff, according to South Korean and U.S. officials.

There was silence on the launch from officials in Pyongyang, which proceeded despite protests from the U.S., South Korea and other countries that called the launch a cover for a

test of missile technology.

In response to the launch, Washington announced it was suspending plans to contribute food aid to the North in exchange for a rollback of its nuclear programs. South Korea said the rocket exploded one or two minutes after launching.

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A fragile Syrian ceasefire begins

International envoy Kofi Annan told the U.N. Security Council on Thursday he was "encouraged" at the start of a fragile cease-fire in Syria but said the government failed to keep its pledge to withdraw troops and heavy weapons from cities and towns.

U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice, the current council president, said Annan urged council members to demand that Syrian President Bashar Assad order his troops back to barracks.

She quoted Annan as saying in his video briefing to the council that "troops and heavy weapons remain in population centres."

Annan asked the Security Council to quickly authorize the deployment of an advance U.N. team to monitor the cease-fire, ahead of the deployment of a larger monitoring mission.

South Africa's U.N. Ambassador Baso Sangqu said discussions on the text of a

A tenuous truce

"As of this moment, the situation looks calmer."

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon who added that the ceasefire is "very fragile" and a single gunshot could derail the processes.

U.N. resolution authorizing the deployment would begin Thursday afternoon, and diplomats said it could be adopted as early as Friday.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon cautioned that a single gunshot could derail the fragile peace that started at 6 a.m. Damascus time. He urged both sides to refrain from provocation.

Both Ban and Rice said the onus was on Syria to maintain peace.

The Assad regime has been using force to put down a civilian uprising for more than a year, and at least 9,000 people have died, according to U.N. estimates.

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Stranger than fiction. Fictional Titan hit iceberg years before Titanic

It was the largest ship of its day, described by its creator as "the greatest of the works of men."

Its seafaring days came to an abrupt and tragic end when it struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic, destroying the vessel and killing most of the passengers on board.

And it's a fictional boat brought to life 14 years before the Titanic ever set sail.

The ship plays a relatively minor role in "Futility," the 1898 novella penned by U.S. writer Morgan Robertson.

It has assumed nearly

mythological status among scholars of the real-life disaster of 1912.

It seems fitting for a boat christened the Titan.

Robertson's story is rife with details that seem positively surreal for readers of the post-Titanic era, with the nearly identical names being among the least striking.

The ships are approximately the same size, with the Titanic being only 25 metres longer. Both carried only the bare legal minimum number of lifeboats.

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The Titanic departs Southampton, England on its maiden voyage almost 100 years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Halifax front and centre

100th anniversary.
Titanic-themed
cruise ship stops
in Halifax to
visit graveyard
containing 121
victims of the
disaster

It wasn't Deborah Franklin's first visit to the final resting place of 121 of Titanic's victims, but this time was different.

"It's very solemn and a time to reflect," said Franklin of Midland, Texas, standing in front of a row of unmarked graves at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery on Thursday.

Franklin said she's always been interested in the story of the Titanic.

In fact, she made a trip to Halifax last October to visit the same grave site.

"But it just seems different this time," said Franklin, one of 440 passengers of a Titanic-themed cruise ship.

The Azamara Journey, which left New York ear-

lier this week, brought hundreds of passengers from around the world to the region Thursday as part of its journey to the Titanic's watery grave on its 100th anniversary.

Halifax is inked in the ship's itinerary because of its role in the aftermath of the disaster. The city became the final resting place for many of the victims of the Titanic.

People young and old walked through the graveyard snapping photos and carrying umbrellas.

Colourful flowers and stuffed animals could be seen at the base of several graves, most of which had no names but bared the date of the Titanic's sinking: April 15, 1912.

For Frank Birmingham, it's the victims' unknown stories that brought him aboard the cruise.

"They couldn't identify these bodies because of the time period," said Birmingham of Florida, pointing to the unmarked graves.

"No one knows who they are."

ALY THOMSON/FOR METRO

All aboard

The ship will set sail again Friday and will continue on to conduct a memorial service at the spot in the Atlantic where the Titanic sank. Along the way, passengers are listening to lectures about life on board the ship.

- The Journey is one of two cruise ships that are part of commemoration of events marking the 100th anniversary of the legendary ship's sinking.

- The Titanic left Southampton, England, bound for New York in April 1912.

- More than 1,500 passengers and crew died when the vessel struck an iceberg and sank.

- Because so many victims are buried there, Halifax will be forever tied to the disaster throughout history.



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through the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Halifax on Thursday where 121 victims of the Titanic rest, many at unmarked graves.

Halifax stop. Cruise ship passengers visit local graveyard



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Cruise stops at sinking spot

"When the cruise stops in the middle of the ocean, I think it will be amazing." Roberta Lingua, 22, of Italy.

A grey sky and light rain provided a fitting backdrop for Roberta Lingua's visit to the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Halifax on Thursday, the final resting place of 121 of Titanic's victims.

It was the hollywood blockbuster that turned the 22-year-old Italian woman's attention to the disaster, but it has since developed into a fascination with the actual event.

"When you see the movie, you fall in love with Jack and Rose," said Lingua, who travelled to New York from Italy to set sail on a Titanic-themed cruise.

"But it's a very true story and it's very emotional. It was a tragedy."

Lingua was one of 440 cruise ship passengers on the Azamara Journey, which docked in Halifax on Thursday as part of its journey to the ill-fated ship's ocean grave.

The city will be front and centre this weekend, as Halifax is slated to host a number

of events marking the 100th anniversary of the Titanic's sinking on April 15, 1912.

The region played a central role in the disaster as bodies that were recovered at sea were brought to the city, which became the final resting place for more than 100 victims.

On Saturday, a candle-lit procession will be held at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic to commemorate those victims.

A horse-drawn carriage with a period-style casket and pallbearers will lead the procession.

On Sunday, the day the ship sank, a Titanic spiritual ceremony will be held.

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Male chivalry?

More men survive maritime disasters, study

A hundred years after the Titanic sank, two Swedish researchers on Thursday said when it comes to sinking ships, male chivalry is "a myth" and more men survive such disasters than women and children.

Economists Mikael Elinder and Oscar Erixon of Uppsala University also showed in their study that captains and their crew are 18.7 per cent more likely to survive a shipwreck than their passengers.

"Our findings show that behaviour in life-and-death situation is best captured by the expression 'every man for himself.'" The researchers analyzed 18 of the world's most famous maritime disasters.

Reviewing passenger lists they found that men have a distinct advantage.

Of the 15,000 people who died in the 18 accidents, only 17.8 per cent of the women survived compared with 34.5 per cent of the men.

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Muzzle. Free-speech group announces award winners

The Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression announced Thursday its "Muzzle" awards.

The centre in Charlottesville, Va., bestows the Muzzles annually to mark the April 13 birthday of its namesake, a free-speech advocate and the nation's third president.

Centre director Josh Wheeler says several of the 2012 winners earned their Muzzles for engaging in viewpoint censorship, which the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott and the state's legislature won its Muzzle for adopting a National Rifle Association-backed law that largely prohibits physicians from asking patients

about firearms in their homes or discussing gun safety.

The U.S. State Department won a Muzzle for disinviting a Palestinian political cartoonist from a government-sponsored conference that was to highlight, ironically enough, the importance of free speech and freedom of the press.

A professor at Sam Houston State University in Texas was cited for cutting the "f-word" from a university-approved "free-speech wall," on which students were invited to express themselves by writing on the wall's parchment paper.

A full list can be found at the website of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression at tjcenter.org.

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Virus

U.S. child gets swine flu

U.S. officials are reporting a new case of human infection with a swine-origin H3N2 flu virus.

The case is in a child in Utah who had exposure to pigs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bomb squad

Bomb scare in N.Y.

A toy grenade was to blame for an evacuation Thursday at a building near New York's Ground Zero, authorities said. The police bomb squad was called to 2 World Financial Center.

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Zimmerman appears in court on murder charge

On trial. Man accused of second-degree murder in fatal shooting of teenager Trayvon Martin

Neighbourhood-watch volunteer George Zimmerman made his first court appearance Thursday on a second-degree murder charge in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

His hair was shaved down to stubble and he had a thin goatee, which appeared consistent with his booking photo from the day before.

He had resurfaced Wednesday to turn himself in after weeks in hiding.

Judge Mark E. Herr said he found probable cause to move ahead with the case and that an arraignment would be held on May 29 before another judge.

The prosecutors must prove Zimmerman's shooting of Martin was rooted in hatred or ill will and counter his claims that he shot Mar-



George Zimmerman, centre, stands with a Seminole County deputy and his attorney, Mark O'Mara, during a court hearing on Thursday in Sanford, Fla.

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tin to protect himself while patrolling his gated community in the Orlando suburb of Sanford.

Zimmerman's lawyers would only have to prove by a preponderance of evidence — a relatively low legal standard — that he acted in self-defence at a pretrial hearing to prevent the case from going to trial.

Martin's parents expressed relief over the decision to pros-

ecute the person who shot their son.

"The question I would really like to ask him is, if he could look into Trayvon's eyes and see how innocent he was, would he have then pulled the trigger? Or would he have just let him go on home?" said his father, Tracy Martin.

Many attorneys said they had expected the prosecutor to opt for the lesser charge

of manslaughter. The most severe homicide charge, first-degree murder, is subject to the death penalty in Florida and requires premeditation — something all sides agreed was not present in this case.

"I predicted manslaughter, so I'm a little surprised," said Michael Seigel, a former federal prosecutor who now teaches law at the University of Florida. "But she has more facts than I do."

Mark O'Mara, Zimmerman's attorney, said his client would plead not guilty and invoke Florida's so-called "stand your ground" law, which gives people wide latitude to use deadly force rather than retreat during a fight.

The confrontation took place in a gated community where Martin was staying with his father and his father's fiancée. Martin was walking back in the rain from a convenience store when Zimmerman spotted him and called police. He followed the teenager despite being told not to by a police dispatcher and the two got into a struggle.

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Serbian police recover French masterpiece

Belgrad raid.

Four arrests made after \$110 million painting by French impressionist Paul Cezanne discovered hidden in roof of van.

Police from Serbia and Switzerland have recovered a Paul Cezanne masterpiece that was

stolen from a Swiss museum in 2008 and captured four men as they were trying to sell it, officials said Thursday.

During a news conference in Belgrade, officials played a video showing how police had arrested one of the four suspects in a Belgrade suburb and found the painting in the roof upholstery of a black van, handcuffed the driver and dragged him away.

Clearly proud of the police

raids on Wednesday and Thursday, officials displayed "The Boy in the Red Vest" by the French impressionist, with two masked Serbian special policemen armed with machine-guns standing alongside of it.

A Swiss expert authenticated the oil on canvas painting, which was stolen from E. G. Buhrle Collection in Zurich along with three other masterpieces by Claude Monet, Vincent van Gogh and Edgar

Degas. The work was worth \$110 million, when it was stolen by three masked gunmen who witnesses said spoke German with a Slavic accent in what was one of the biggest art thefts in Europe at the time.

Serbia's organized crime prosecutor Miljko Radisavljevic, said four men, including the leader of the gang that conducted the robbery, were arrested in three separate raids.

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A member of the Serbian police guards The Boy in the Red Vest painting by Paul Cezanne, in Belgrade on Thursday. DARKO VOJNOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lethal injection. Serial killer executed in Florida after late appeal denied

A Florida inmate was put to death Thursday, nearly three decades after the murder of 17-year-old Lynn Elliott, whose failed escape attempt ended a string of rapes and slayings that shook the quiet coastal town of Vero Beach.

David Alan Gore, 58, was pronounced dead after receiving an injection at the Florida State Prison, officials said.

Asked if he had a final statement, Gore said as he lay strapped to a gurney: "Yes, I do."

"I want to say to the Elliott family, I am sorry for the death of your daughter ... I hope you all can find peace today," Gore said.

Making no eye contact with the family, he added that he hoped the family could "find it in their hearts to forgive me" and concluded: "I don't fear death."

Family members of the victim watched as the drugs began flowing but made no immediate statement as they left after the execution was carried out.

Outside, seven people waited in a section cordoned off for the victims' supporters.

The U.S. Supreme Court denied a final appeal less than



Serial killer David Alan Gore.

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His arrest

Gore and his cousin kidnapped Elliott and her friend in 1983. They raped and bound the girls in separate rooms.

Elliott managed to escape but Gore chased her, dragged her back toward the house as she kicked and screamed and then shot her twice in the head. Police were called after a boy witnessed the murder.

two hours before the scheduled execution.

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Abducted by rebels

Rescuer killed as Peruvian rebels fire on helicopter

A helicopter searching for dozens of rebel-held hostages in Peru's Amazon jungle was attacked with gunfire Thursday and a police officer on board was killed and two people were wounded, the Defence Ministry said.

The attack came as the government sent 1,500 soldiers and police to the area near Peru's key Camisea gas field to try to rescue 40 construction workers who were grabbed on Monday by Maoist Shining Path guerrillas.

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On the buses

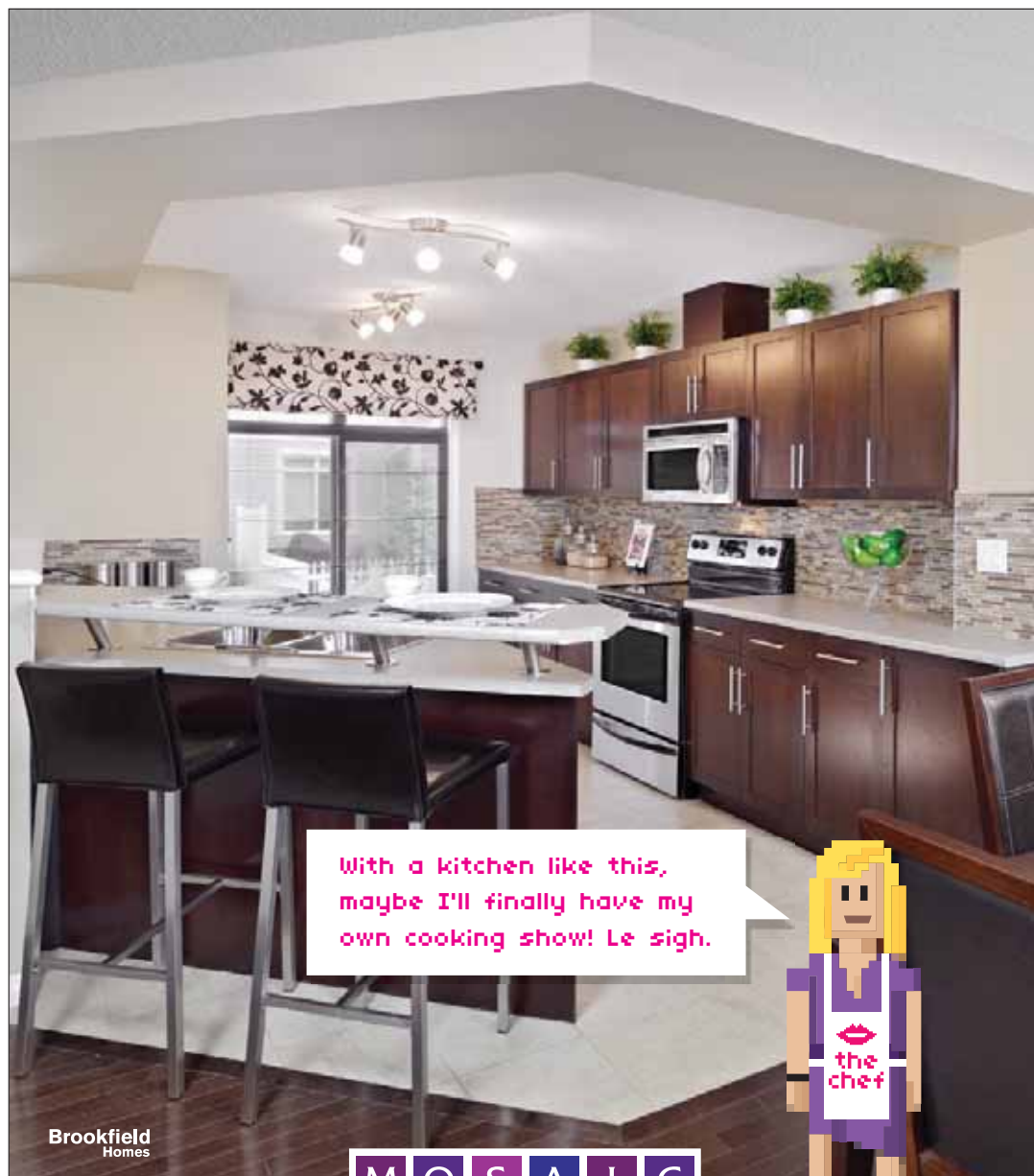
Homophobic London transit ads banned

London transport officials on Thursday blocked an advertising campaign suggesting gay people can be converted to heterosexuality.

The advertisements from Christian group Core Issues Trusts, which advocates "reparative therapy" to turn homosexuals straight, were slated to run for two weeks starting Monday on buses serving five routes in London.

The messages read "Not gay! Post-gay, ex-gay and proud. Get over it."

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Study. Baboons may be smarter than we think

Dan the baboon sits in front of a computer screen. The letters BRRU pop up. With a quick and almost dismissive tap, the monkey signals it is not a word. Correct. Next comes, ITCS. Again, not a word. Finally KITE comes up.

He pauses and hits a green oval to show it is a word. In the space of just a few seconds, Dan has demonstrated a mastery of what some experts say is a form of pre-reading and walks away rewarded with a treat of dried wheat.

Dan is part of new research that shows baboons are able to pick up the first step in reading — identifying recurring patterns and determining which four-letter combinations are words and which are just gobbledygook.

The study shows that reading's early steps are far more instinctive than scientists first thought and it also indicates that non-human primates may be smarter than we give them credit for.

"They've got the hang of this thing," said Jonathan Grainger, a French scientist and lead author of the research. Baboons and other monkeys are good pattern finders and what they are doing may be what we first

Wordsmiths?

In 300,000 tests, the six baboons distinguished between real and fake words about three-out-of-four times, according to the study published in Thursday's journal *Science*.

- **The star of the bunch.** Four-year-old Dan, who's about the equivalent age of a human teenager, got 80 per cent of the words right and learned 308 four-letter words.
- **How it works.** The baboons are rewarded with food when they press the right spot on the screen: A blue plus sign for bogus combos or a green oval for real words.

do in recognizing words.

It's still a far cry from real reading. They don't understand what these words mean, and are just breaking them down into parts, said Grainger, a cognitive psychologist at the Aix-Marseille University in France.

The experiments were conducted in France but researchers used English words as it is the language of science, Grainger said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Putting their breast foot forward

Pedestrians pass a chain of bras stretched across Union Square during a breast cancer awareness demonstration on Thursday in New York City. The event, the first ever Feel Your Boobies Flash Mob, was designed to help promote self breast exams and create breast cancer awareness. More than 600 new or 'gently used' bras were donated for charity. **JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES**

Medical investigation

'Miracle' baby struggles to live

An Argentine newborn who survived nearly 12 hours in a coffin in a morgue after hospital workers gave her up for dead is in critical condition, showing a series of complications common among infants born three months premature, a doctor said Thursday.

Tiny Luz Milagros, or Miracle Light, is suffering from sepsis and convulsions along with signs of neurological damage, said Dr. Diana Vesco, neonatology chief at the Perrando hospital in Resistencia in northern Chaco province. She said the baby is on a ventilator and being treated with antibiotics.

Her mother, Analia Bouter, said she got a supportive call from President Cristina Fernandez on Wednesday asking to see the baby once she's out of intensive care.

The case became public Tuesday when Chaco's deputy health minister, Rafael Sabatinelli, announced that five medical professionals had been suspended pending an official investigation of what happened.

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Cash crunch. Royal Bank opting to raise some fees

As debt-heavy Canadians become more cautious about borrowing, the banks are looking to higher fees to make up the shortfall.

Royal Bank, Canada's largest bank, is the latest to announce it is raising a number of fees, including the rate it charges for credit-card cash advances.

The new fees, which affect everything from personal banking to business accounts, become effective June 1, RBC said in a brochure mailed to clients.

The move reflects the increased costs of doing business, the bank said.

RBC said its clients can reduce their banking fees by using online banking and ATMs and also by picking the service package that best suits

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- RBC's Signature No Limit Banking account fees will rise to \$14.95 a month from \$13.95.
- Interest rates on credit-card cash advances will rise to 21.99 per cent from 19.99 per cent.
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Walmart Canada to take on discount competition



Shelley Broder, president and CEO of Walmart Canada, speaks to media in Toronto on Thursday. **AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Shopping wars. Retail giant also planning Canadian store expansion in advance of Target's arrival early next year

More products for \$1 are coming to Walmart Canada as the retailer takes on dollar stores, Target and the country's biggest grocers in a strategy to win a larger share of the domestic retail market.

Executives from the company met with analysts and the media in Toronto on Thursday to discuss its answer to the entry of U.S. rival Target and an expansion by Canadian dollar-

store operator Dollarama.

The plan includes lowering the prices of more items to about a loonie, said Shelley Broder, the retail giant's Canadian president and CEO.

"That's in direct reaction to what our customers need and want, but it happens to be a nice method of competing against the dollar stores," she said.

Walmart's supercentres aim to do exactly that, offering customers deals on everything from dish towels to dry-cleaning services. The price reductions are part of a strategy of "cementing ourselves in the minds and hearts of Canadians as one-stop shopping," said Broder.

Solidifying that stance is particularly crucial right now because so many other retailers are fighting for the same consumer market.

Dollarama has been encroaching on the discount retailer's low-priced territory in recent months, expanding its products beyond small items worth a loonie.

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One-stop shop

"The idea of getting most of your needs met in one spot becomes incredibly important."

Walmart Canada president Shelley Broder

Qatar Airways to order Bombardier jets

Qatar Airways is in no rush to add Bombardier's CSeries aircraft to its growing fleet but will order several business jets to expand its executive service, the airline's CEO said Thursday.

Akbar Al Baker said he will announce an order for Bombardier's new Global aircraft at next month's Ebace air show in Geneva, for delivery around 2016 or 2017.

The airline already operates a fleet of six Bombardier business jets. It hopes to eventually offer 10 to 15 aircraft, but Al Baker wouldn't say how many planes would be included in this order.

Qatar has shelved plans to order the CSeries while it is

busy preparing to receive four new aircraft types. The company is spending more than \$50 billion US for 270 airplanes.

Nonetheless, he remains interested in eventually ordering 20 to 30 of the larger version of the 110- to 149-seat commercial plane.

The aircraft would be used for Qatar's regional service and flights of less than two and a half hours from Doha.

"The CSeries is a very good airplane for a niche market," he told reporters after a lunch-hour speech.

"It is very fuel-efficient and it is a very technologically advanced aircraft and I'm sure that Bombardier will be very

successful in this venture."

Al Baker planned to tour Bombardier's production facilities and see the plane's updated cockpit and systems designs. The CSeries is slated to enter into service the end of 2013, with the larger model following a year later.

Al Baker said Canadians deserve better airline service to the Middle East made possible by an expansion of the number of landing rights granted to Doha.

The three weekly flights launched last June from Montreal are running ahead of expectations and travelling 85 per cent full.

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Global layoffs

Sony to slash 10,000 jobs

Faced with mounting losses, Sony Corp. said Thursday it will slash 10,000 jobs, or about six per cent of its global workforce, and try to turn around its money-losing TV business over the next two years.

New CEO and president Kazuo Hirai outlined his business strategy at a press conference where he pledged to revive the electronics and entertainment company.

Sony earlier this week more than doubled its



Sony president and CEO Kazuo Hirai
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annual net-loss projection for the fiscal year through this past March to \$6.4 billion US. That would be its fourth straight year of red ink and worst loss ever.

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Low natural-gas costs should keep utility bills down

Consumers can expect to save on their household utility bills for the foreseeable future with natural-gas prices hovering at their lowest level in more than 10 years.

The Canadian Gas Association estimates consumers have saved an average of \$500 on natural gas over the past five years, and the trend is expected to continue.

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Summit. Expanding trade a priority, minister says

Canada is willing to discuss everything — including its controversial supply-management system — when it sits down with other countries to negotiate a tantalizing trans-Pacific free-trade zone, says Trade Minister Ed Fast.

Fast underlined that the Conservatives have promised egg, dairy and poultry farmers that they will protect their interests.

But he also suggested that

all the countries involved — including nations such as the United States and New Zealand — would have their own sticking points to hash out.

Fast made the comments as he and Prime Minister Stephen Harper prepare to participate in the Summit of the Americas in Cartagena, Colombia, this weekend. The summit brings together 34 hemispheric leaders.

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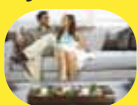
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New e-reader sees the light

The Nook Simple Touch with GlowLight is shown Thursday in New York. The Barnes & Noble bookstore chain said on Thursday that it is tackling one of the shortcomings of black-and-white e-readers with a screen that lights up so it can be read in the dark. E-readers with black-and-white screens, made by Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Sony and others, are easily readable in bright light but don't come with their own light sources and can't be read in darkness. E-readers with colour screens, such as the Kindle Fire and Nook Tablet, do have their own light sources but are barely legible in sunlight. The new Nook Simple Touch with GlowLight has a standard black-and-white screen, but an array of light-emitting diodes inside the frame spreads a glow over the page with the help of an invisible light-guiding layer. The black-and-white model will be in stores early next month and cost \$139 US, The New York-based company said. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Technology. Canadian retailers lagging on in-store mobile use

Canadian retailers are about two years behind their U.S. counterparts when it comes to staff using smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices in stores, suggests a study released Thursday.

Consumers are moving faster than Canadian retailers in using such devices to find product information and do comparison shopping, said the study by International Data Corporation Canada and the Retail Council of Canada.

"I think ultimately, in many cases (retailers) will need to ramp up faster because of the speed at which consumer empowerment is changing," said Shafiq Jamal, vice-president of the retail council's Western Canada region.

Some consumers are looking for coupons and loyalty rewards on their devices in stores while others are doing comparison shopping or looking for deals, Jamal said.

The survey findings suggest 40 per cent of retailers are planning to use mobile devices to interact with cus-

Tech-savvy stores

Some Canadian retailers are doing pilot projects using mobile shopping apps or mobile devices.

- Some Forzani Group sporting goods stores are using devices to help find products for customers and retailer Groupe Dynamite has a mobile pilot project.
- Canadian Tire says it has a free mobile app that allows customers to scan product barcodes in stores and access product information including price, reviews and availability.

tomers in the next three years, while just 24 per cent plan to do so this year.

But the Retail Council of Canada said retailers will need to catch up to consumers' use of technology and social media.

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Hey, kids! Gather around your infotainment-dispensing device, because it's time for the ever-popular Metro List ...

1 **Life after Hogwarts:** Now that she's safely rescued Harry Potter from Lord Voldemort's clutches and earned a billion dollars in the process, former single-mum-on-welfare J.K. Rowling has announced her next novel, called The Casual Vacancy, will be targeted at adults. It's about an election that tears a deceptively peaceful village apart. Kind of like the Triwizard Tournament after the magic has gone.

2 **iDialysis?:** A teenager in China sells one of his kidneys to an unscrupulous organ broker for the equivalent of \$3,400 so he can buy an iPad 2. His parents don't even know about it until his mother asks him where he got the iPad and he has to fess up. Now he's suffering from complications and the unscrupulous brokers are long gone. He should have held out for an iPad 3, at least.

3 **Where's the Gipper when we need him?:** Rick Santorum finally gave up on his presidential hopes this week, leaving Mitt Romney an open path for the nomination. So after the GOP has desperately tried to nominate anybody but Mitt for the better part of a decade, the next Republican nominee for president of the United States will be: Mitt. Deja voodoo.

4 **NHL playoffs begin:** The L.A. Kings defeat Vancouver in Game 1 and then someone in the Kings organization sends a smoking tweet to the rest of Canada: "You're welcome." Where's the love? I thought we were all Canucks?

5 **Ding-dong:** The gun registry is dead. Yee-haw! We'll be able to buy a weapon of mass destruction without being included in a federal database. Now if we can just get Ottawa to ban the income-tax database, we're talkin' real freedom.

6 **Speaking of Vancouver:** The Real Housewives of Vancouver: 1.2-million people watched the opening episode. Well, no wonder: One of the "housewives" washes her face in whale sperm and diamond dust. Who wouldn't want to watch that?

7 **More evidence the end is near:** Britannica stops publishing the print edition, putting the five remaining door-to-door encyclopedia salesman on Earth out of work. How do I know that? I looked it up on Wikipedia, a usually reliable source.

8 **Silver surfers:** The Beach Boys celebrate their 50th anniversary by singing Surfer Girl at the home opener at Dodger Stadium on Tuesday. Help Me Rhonda, I've fallen and I can't get up ...



The Beach Boys spread Good Vibrations on opening day at Dodger Stadium, where the Los Angeles Dodgers played the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday. The Beach Boys are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

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Real-life 'Spider-Man'

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Climb

Frenchman scales buildings without rope or harness

Alain Robert, who has been dubbed the "French Spider-Man," climbs 300 metres up the Torch hotel in Doha, Qatar, on Thursday. Robert, who has been scaling tall buildings since the age of seven, took 75 minutes to complete his first climb in Qatar. The hotel was built for the 2006 Asian Games in the shape of an Olympic torch.

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A kid again

"I feel like a child and I finally want to open my present: I want to climb the Torch."

Alain Robert



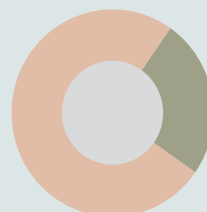
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@ireneerutema: Off to watch the debate with few journalists! Who will win? Redford? Smith? Sherman or Mason? #abvote #yyc #rcabvote #yeg

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Lockout isn't winning any critical acclaim from the Reel Guys, but it'll leave you grinning. HANDOUT

Lockout a solid 'B' effort

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RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Cranked-up camp. Action flick is a good time if you can look past the silly dialogue, '90s era special effects

Richard: Mark, I had a good time at Lockout even though I'll be the first to admit it isn't a very good movie. The special effects look like rejects from 1997, the tough-guy dialogue sounds like Bruce Willis castoffs and it's not nearly as violent as I would have expected it to be, but I sat there with a grin on my face. How is this possible? Perhaps it reminded me of those cheese-ball direct-to-DVD Dolph Lundgren movies I used to watch when I rented everything at the video store.

Mark: The movie has one

great thing going for it: the ace wisecracks delivered by Guy Pearce with impeccable sang-froid. The only problem is that he's so funny it undercuts any of the supposed action sequences. And did you notice the similarities to John Carpenter's Escape From New York? When Maggie Grace cuts her hair and dyes it black she even looked like Adrienne Barbeau!

RC: That is, I think, what I loved about the movie. It seems like a time capsule from another time. It has its flaws — like being set in 2079 and yet making contemporary references like Prince, John Wayne and global warming — but the old school-ness of it is appealing. It's not a remake, or a reboot but it feels familiar nonetheless.

MB: I thought it was wonderful-

Synopsis

Guy Pearce is Snow, a highly skilled mercenary wrongly accused of espionage. To earn his freedom he agrees to rescue the president's daughter, Emilie Warnock (Maggie Grace), who is being held captive by rioting inmates at an outer space maximum-security prison. That's right, the prison is in OUTER SPACE!

- Richard: ●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●

ly lazy filmmaking that in the future the iPhone was exactly the same, as were the guns and clothing. It's a B movie to be sure. But it has its pleasures. I enjoyed the over-the-top performance of no-name actor

Joseph Gilgun as an unhinged convict. It's the part Giovanni Ribisi was born to play, if the movie had a budget.

RC: Exactly! I thought he was an excellent bad guy except I felt like I needed a translator to explain his HEAVY brogue to me. I certainly caught the gist of what he was saying but often the actual words were lost on me. Perhaps mumbled, accented dialogue is the new cool thing. Apparently Bane in The Dark Knight Rises is impossible to understand as well, but I like a bit more clarity from my bad guys.

MB: Richard, maybe incomprehensibility is the new scary. All those werewolves and zombies have set the bar pretty high for inarticulate rage. After all, you can't reason with someone you can't understand.

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SCENE

Scene in brief

J.K. Rowling set to release book for adults

She may not be able to match the phenomenal success of the Harry Potter series, but J.K. Rowling has high hopes for The Casual Vacancy, her first novel for adults. The title was announced Thursday by Little, Brown & Co. along with a brief plot synopsis for the book. The publisher said it will be available worldwide on Sept. 27. The effort will mark Rowling's first post-Potter effort. The new book, aimed at a grown-up audience, will be set in a seemingly idyllic English town called Pagford.

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Horror



Cabin in the Woods

Director. Drew Goddard

Stars. Richard Jenkins, Chris Hemsworth

Cabin in the Woods probably isn't the movie you think it is. The audacious high-concept thriller marks the directorial debut of Cloverfield writer Drew Goddard who takes the horror stereotype and brilliantly flips it. Though the premise of co-eds heading out to the woods and inadvertently uncovering zombies seems familiar, it's only a ploy. To reveal more would spoil the surprise. Instead, just enjoy the madness of this masterpiece.

STEVE GOW

Comedy



The Three Stooges

Directors. Bobby Farrelly, Peter Farrelly

Stars. Chris Diamantopoulos, Sean Hayes

If there's one film with a built-in audience, it's The Three Stooges. They're so cherished by the Farrelly Brothers, the filmmaking siblings crafted a straight-up reimagining of the legendary comic trio. While the performances are bang-on, the three-episode arc and story is so slight, it can hardly be considered a plot. Still, if three knuckleheads poking each other in the eyes to cartoonish sound-effects cracks you up, this is cinematic gold. **STEVE GOW**

Drama



StreetDance 2

Directors. Max Giwa, Dania Pasquini

Stars. George Sampson, Sofia Boutella

This energetic and slightly surreal sequel to the unexpected hit StreetDance takes place in a Paris crawling with aspiring teenaged dancers; the clichéd story and characters are just a framework for some energetic, highly physical dance numbers that gain little from the 3D format. The film's sense of fun is occasionally infectious, but more often the tone is just silly — perfect for 12-year-olds who want to ogle the lithe, attractive cast.

ADAM NAYMAN

Cabaret. Stars celebrate the restoration of a cinema classic at festival

It took a stray bit of dirt to scratch the perfection of Cabaret, and painstaking effort to return it to cinematic glory.

The restored Cabaret, minus damage that had prevented a high-definition version, earned the opening spot at the four-day TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood. Stars Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey were scheduled to attend Thursday's ceremony marking the musical's 40th anniversary. Minnelli, whose turn as cabaret singer Sally Bowles captured a best actress Academy Award and cemented her young stardom, said making Cabaret was a joyful "secret," the film in Munich and far away from meddling Los Angeles studio bosses.

Director Bob Fosse "got away with murder. We all did," Minnelli said in a recent phone call from New York. She's on a concert tour, Confessions, based on her album of the same title. "We'd take chances, and the studio would send notes like, 'Too cloudy. It will break up on drive-in (screens),' she recalled. "Fosse would read that out loud, tear it up and throw it over his shoulder — in front of the whole cast and crew."



Liza Minnelli won a best actress Academy Award for Cabaret.

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Set in 1930s Berlin, with German life darkening under the Nazi Party's rise, the film was based on the 1966 Broadway musical adapted from Christopher Isherwood's short novels. Michael York starred as Sally's boyfriend and Helmut Griem played the wealthy lover shared by both in a then-rare movie depiction of bisexuality. Fosse's distinctive, archly suggestive choreography defined the film's candour and cynicism.

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Quoted

"We're not trying to be cagey... We're just trying to protect the experience because so much of Cabin is about the experience that happens when you're in the audience with all of these people feeling the screams and the cheers and the laughs and feeling the ride."

Writer-director Drew Goddard on not giving away too much about his new film, Cabin in the Woods.



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Chimpan-see, chimpan-do

Chimpanzee. Jane Goodall hopes new film will spark children's interest in animals and nature

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Being in the presence of Jane Goodall, it's easy to become inspired to embark on some kind of save-the-world project.

After all, Goodall — a woman who set out to study animals in Africa in 1960, when she was just 26 years old — has turned a childhood obsession with animals into a world-renowned career studying chimpanzees, and a global conservation institute bearing her name.

"When I was a little girl of 10 ... I fell in love with Tarzan and was furiously jealous when he married that other Jane," she jokes while in Toronto, helping Disney promote its film

Chimpanzee, which opens next Friday. Chimpanzee follows the true story of an orphaned chimp named Oscar.

While Goodall was not directly involved with the production of the film, she knew the crew. "I think the amazing thing about this film is that we know Disney, we know Bambi, and this film itself ... might have been scripted by somebody doing a chimpanzee Bambi."

But the storyline was anything but scripted. In fact, the initial plan was to follow the life of a chimp — who the crew named Oscar — and observe him develop in his community. When Oscar's mother suddenly died, the crew panicked. "They thought the whole film was destroyed ... [that they had] wasted six months filming a chimp who's [all but] dead," said Goodall.

Lucky for Oscar (and the film crew), the top-ranking male in the group of chimps was a bit of a softie under his gruff exterior and took the young chimp under his care. "I

cannot believe how this all unravelled" says Goodall.

Today, between being a UN messenger of peace and educating the world about the plight of chimpanzees, Goodall, 78, spends 300 days of the year on the road, raising awareness about conservation issues.

Goodall has also helped develop a program called Roots & Shoots that now has thousands of young members in over 130 countries. Through this program, young people are encouraged to take on grassroots conservation projects. "Children are getting more and more divorced from nature," says Goodall. "How can you protect something if you don't understand?"

Goodall says that films like Chimpanzee are a first step in educating children about nature. "Films like this help kids understand that there are creatures out there who are so like us and hopefully children will come away thinking about that and thinking about little Oscar as though he's a cousin."

Anthropomorphism

Human-like?

Anthropomorphism is giving human characteristics to animals, something that Goodall has been criticized for in her study of chimpanzees. But Goodall feels that it's better to over-anthropomorphize and believe animals are more like us than to think that we are completely different. "What really peeved me was that scientists were ready to take a chimpanzee because biologically they're so like us, sharing 99 per cent of our DNA and ... subject them to all kinds of nasty medical procedures ... and they even used them to learn about depression ... but when it came to them sharing an emotion, like being happy or sad, [the scientists] said 'absolutely not.'"

The Hunter. Dafoe heads down under in search of the Tasmanian tiger

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Willem Dafoe

Filming *The Hunter* was far from a cinematic cakewalk for Willem Dafoe who was forced to endure the Tasmanian wilderness and even a tumultuous blizzard. But the versatile actor wouldn't have it any other way.

"Who wants to make an easy movie?" the two-time Oscar-nominated film veteran quipped while promoting the drama. "You want to make good movies and hope they come gracefully but easy usually doesn't lend itself well to making interesting things."

Always on the lookout for challenging roles, *The Hunter* casts Dafoe as a mercenary sent Down Under by a biotech corporation to hunt the assumed-to-be extinct Tasmanian tiger — considered sacred by locals.

"You hear of Tasmanian devils and that cartoon character pops into your head. I'm embarrassed to say I

knew very little about it," laughed Dafoe, admitting he wasn't originally sure if the creature was even historically real.

"There are sightings all the time because I think people hope that there's some sign that they can recapture something of the past that's been destroyed by colonization and development."

While his character in *The Hunter* (in theatres April 20) struggles with the morality and demands of the wilderness and landscape, Dafoe insists it's not necessarily the message of any film that attracts him but strictly the strength of the role.

"The questions that are raised in the film — I don't know those," said Dafoe. "I'm always attracted to being the odd man out and this is a very Australian story and I play a foreigner; I play the guy from out of town that comes in and that's an interesting place to be in the function of a film because you become the go-between between the audience and this world."



Eyes on the prize: Dafoe's character struggles to deal with the wilderness as he searches for the Tasmanian tiger. HANDOUT

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Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:55
The Secret World of Arrietty (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-6:45-9:05
This Means War (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:05-9:30
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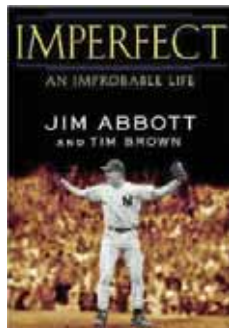
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Wherever I Wind Up: My Quest for Truth, Authenticity and the Perfect Knuckleball

By R.A. Dickey and Wayne Coffey

There's just something about knuckleballers that makes them fascinating. Dickey was a heralded draft pick in 1996, only to fail a physical when a team doctor found out he had no ulnar collateral ligament in his right pitching arm. Good news: He would never need Tommy John surgery. Bad news: Doctors didn't know how he could even throw a ball, let alone pitch. Dickey writes about his transition to becoming the current master of the knuckler in MLB.



Imperfect: An Improbable Life

By Jim Abbott and Tim Brown

You'd be hard-pressed to find a more inspiring story in sports history than that of Abbott, who was born with no right hand. Yankees fans remember his no-hitter from 1993, but read about the struggle it took to get to the majors and the many he inspired in this biography.



Hack's 191: Hack Wilson and His Incredible 1930 Season

By Bill Chastain

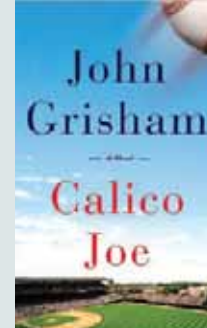
Hack Wilson might have had the greatest single season in MLB history in 1930, yet very few people have even heard of him. The 5-foot-6 Wilson hit 56 homers and drove in a record 191 runs that season, but never mind the absurdity of those numbers, Wilson's best friend was Al Capone and he spent every night in Chicago's Prohibition-era speakeasies getting drunk and brawling with patrons.



Summer of '68: The Season that Changed Baseball — and America — Forever

By Tim Wendel

If you're looking for the combination of the greatest year of baseball and most incendiary in American culture, here's your winner. Summer of '68 is wound around historical events, such as the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy, while St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Bob Gibson (probably the greatest African-American pitcher ever) blew away records as race riots raged.

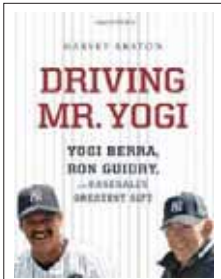


Calico Joe

By John Grisham

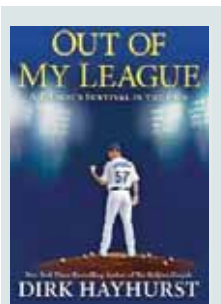
America's most well-known writer of legal thrillers tries his hand at a novel about baseball. The namesake of the book, Joe Castle, is a young player called up to the majors, who immediately excels before an accident changes everything. It's sappy, but fans of Field of Dreams will eat it up.

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Driving Mr. Yogi: Yogi Berra, Ron Guidry, and Baseball's Greatest Gift

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Induction ceremony. Hall of Fame set to give it away now to Chili Peppers

Anthony Kiedis had a dream the other night.

The 49-year-old frontman of the Red Hot Chili Peppers imagined that he was playing at this year's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony, and the band's on-again, off-again guitarist John Frusciante was sitting in the front row.

Kiedis is quick to note that this vision won't become a reality when the 29-year-old group is actually inducted Saturday.

"No," Kiedis said in a hushed tone during a break from rehearsing at SIR Studios last month. "That was just a dream."

"I can't speak for [Frusciante], but I think it's kinda like an ex-girlfriend vibe," added 49-year-old bassist Flea.

The current line-up of Flea,

Kiedis, drummer Chad Smith and guitarist Josh Klinghoffer will be honoured along with past bandmates like late founding member Hillel Slovak, the original Chili Peppers guitarist who died of a drug overdose in 1988, and Frusciante, who replaced Slovak and recorded five albums during his fluid tenure with the group.

"We wouldn't be here without [Slovak] because we wouldn't have started without him," said Flea. "For him to be honoured and recognized is a beautiful thing for us, not that we don't honour and love him every day, but I feel great for him to go in, as well as John Frusciante, of course, who gave us so much and did some serious (expletive) rocking."

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Members of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, clockwise from top, bassist Flea, singer Anthony Kiedis, guitarist Josh Klinghoffer and drummer Chad Smith pose for a portrait in Hollywood, California.

CHRIS PIZZELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Welcome Guns N' Roses back to jungle?

International music.
Classic rock band set to be inducted into Hall of Fame as lead member pans the invite entirely

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

Guns N' Roses is known for its inter-band civil wars as much as the classic music its members made together.

It has counted as many as 21 people as official players through the 27-year history of the group, but many rock fans are penning open letters across the web for a reunion of the band whose members were once so well known as individuals that they had their own mass-produced pinball machine.

They are also well known for their cynical approach to press — so when Metro caught up with keyboardist Dizzy Reed, who joined the band in the early '90s, shortly before the Use Your Illusion albums, he played it predictably close to the vest when asked about the upcoming proceedings.

So what do you know about the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame? Um, it's in Cleveland.

Do you know what's going



Guns N' Roses will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Saturday. NOUSHA SALIMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

to happen with the induction into the Hall? There are rumours there will be a reunion of the original lineup.

I haven't gotten any details. I spoke with the people of that institution. They gave me a call and told me to mark it on the calendar, to be there. As far as the details of what's going to happen, I haven't received any sort of itinerary or schedule. It's something I'm just trying not to think about until it gets closer. It's not that I don't appreciate it. It's a great thing, and it's great for all the people who supported the band over the years.

I understand that you're still friends with everybody

No awards please

Thanks but no thanks

• **Letter.** In a 1,000-plus word open letter to the Los Angeles Times, Guns N' Roses singer Axl Rose has said he will not be attending Saturday's event, nor does he even want to be inducted. Visit metronews.ca/scene to read the letter. You can also read an excerpt from the letter on the Dish page.

who has been in the band through the years, is that

right?

Friendly, I'd say. I haven't talked to a couple of the guys at all since they left. But Duff [McKagan, original bassist] got up and jammed with us in Seattle and Vancouver last year.

And you've been immortalized, by making it onto the Guns N' Roses pinball machine as well ...

Yes I did. I'm on the pinball machine, and I can't remember what it was that triggers it, but you can get the Dizzy ball, and it starts going crazy and you can score a whole bunch of points.

I think it was patterned after me after too many vodkas or something.

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Glee taking the dorky stench off the high school glee clubs

Show choir contest. \$25,000 and school scholarships up for grabs at Glee-inspired performing arts competition

It's enough to make track-suited Glee-hater Sue Sylvester steer clear of Toronto this weekend. High schoolers from Ontario and Quebec are set to descend on the city's Sony Centre to strut their stuff at the Show Choir Canada contest.

And there's more than just prestige at stake. Glee clubs placing first through sixth will be awarded prizes totalling more than \$25,000. Also up for grabs are scholarships to the Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts for exceptional individual performers.

Hosted by Juno winner Shawn Desman, there are 13 groups competing this year. That's five more than in 2011, when Wexford Glee nabbed the crown after squeaking by Splash from Etobicoke School of the Arts by less than a point.

"Honestly, the way I look at it is that we have to not beat the competition but beat ourselves last year," Merik Williams, 17, said before a recent rehearsal at Wexford School of the Arts in Scarborough, Ont.

TV's Glee, of course, has helped boost the popularity of school music and theatre programs, along with shows such as Smash and The Voice.

"In Hollywood, the



How is this not cool? TV shows highlighting musical theatre are bringing out the song and dance moves in high school students who will be competing in a national choir championship this weekend. FRANK GUNN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

music and everything has become so big in teenagers' worlds so it just kind of exploded and now it's just kind of the thing to do," said Torri Webster, 14 and in Grade 10 at Wexford.

"People are starting to open up to the idea of musical theatre and enjoying being on stage and singing and whatnot," said Masini McDermott, also 17. "It's cool. It's not a dorky thing to do anymore."

"The songs that we're doing are a lot more current and they're fun so that's probably what's bringing the attention in," Williams added.

Students audition to get into performing arts high schools and then audition to join extracurricular ensemble groups, such as the glee club. At Wexford, they must also keep up their marks so they can stay in the program, started in 1988 by director Ann Merriam.

Some of her students have been featured on TV shows including Degassi and Vampire Diaries and in professional theatrical productions at the Shaw Festival, Stratford

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Festival and Boston Conservatory. Many students aspire to similar careers. McDermott, for instance, wants to study theatre at college.

Gray Monczka, 17, plans to return to the program next year for a fifth year so he can focus on academic courses as well as a director's credit.

"I'm keeping my options open because I'm not sure if I want to go into the field," he said.

"After I graduate I'm definitely going to be just developing myself more as an artist," said Williams.

All 13 choirs compete in the preliminary round on Friday. Each 30-minute performance must include at least three contrasting compositions. The field will be narrowed to six for Saturday. There will also be group awards handed out for vocals, choreography and show design, as well as individual awards for top male and female vocals and dancing.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's an age thing. Nicki Minaj surprised how kids have flocked to her music

Making it big

Her new album is sure to follow in the successful footsteps of her first disc.

- **Roman Reloaded.** The new album follows her 2010 debut, Pink Friday, which is approaching double platinum status and launched seven singles that were hits on the pop, R&B or rap charts. Roman Reloaded, which boasts 19 tracks, features Chris Brown, Lil Wayne, Drake and Nas, and producers like RedOne, Dr. Luke, Alex da Kid and J.R. Rotem.

Nicki Minaj loves the kids, but she's not ready to completely clean up her image for her young fans.

"I've always been kind of racy," Minaj says, laughing. "Don't expect that to change, but I love children and I respect children so much ... I'm big on them remaining, you know, kids. I don't want them to go around cursing and acting crazy."

Many kids are going out to buy Minaj's sophomore album, Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded, which sold 253,000 units in its first week, according to Nielsen SoundScan, giving Minaj her second No. 1 album.

"I didn't expect the kids to gravitate to me like that," the 29-year-old said in an interview last week before performing in New York's Times Square at a Nokia event. "I'm finding my own niche with them."

One of the reasons children have stayed connected with Minaj was featured twice on Madonna's latest album, MDNA.

Roman Reloaded showcases Grammy-nominated Minaj as her male alter ego, Roman. The album has multiple personalities: in addition to dance-pop anthems that mir-

ror Rihanna and Katy Perry, there is hardcore hip-hop, contemporary R&B and reggae flavours.

"Once I did it I was like, 'Why aren't all albums like this? Why does every artist have to give you one thing?'" Minaj asked. "I like going to restaurants because I can order a little bit of salad, a little bit of bread, a little bit of chicken, some sushi. I like variety. I get very, very bored if I have to keep things the same." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Nicki Minaj loves her young fans but isn't willing to clean up her image to attract a more family friendly image. GETTY IMAGES

Need to know

What you need to know about the competition and where you can find out more about its history and entrants.

- **The judges.** This year's Show Choir Canada judges are Jeri Brown, educator and vocalist from Montreal; music director/producer Mark Camilleri of Toronto; director/choreographer David Connolly of Toronto; educator/conductor Tricia Penner of Winnipeg; and Mike Weaver, a director and choreographer from Chicago.

- **More info.** For more information on the event, its history and how it is judged, visit showchoircanada.com or call 1-877-90GLEEK.

The fight for the Iron Throne continues

Games of Thrones. Hit fantasy show renewed for another season. Now the question remains: who will rule Westeros?

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HBO announced the pickup of its hit fantasy drama Game of Thrones, chronicling the struggle of several families to rule the fictional continent of Westeros, on Tuesday. The renewal comes in the wake of the series' record ratings when Season 2 premiered earlier this month.

"Series creators David Benioff and D.B. Weiss raised our expectations for the second season — and then surpassed them," Michael Lombardo, president, HBO Programming, said in a statement.

"We are thrilled by all the viewer and media support we've received for the series, and can't wait to see what Dan and David have in store for next season."

The drama, based on George R.R. Martin's Song of



Lena Headey plays Cersei Lannister on Game of Thrones CONTRIBUTED

Ice and Fire series of fantasy novels, has so far followed the one-book-per-season format — Season 1 brought to life the series' first book, A Game of Thrones, while Season 2, currently airing Sundays at 9 p.m. on HBO, tells the story of A Clash of Kings.

Season 3 is expected to follow the story of the third book, A Storm of Swords. But according to Entertainment Weekly, producers Benioff and Weiss

would prefer to slow things down. "As George and all his fans have said for a long time, there's no way to do [Swords] in a single season, so it's being broken into two," Benioff said in a recent interview with EW.

"We're still kind of figuring out exactly what goes where. We don't want it to feel like a two-part season," Benioff said. "From the beginning we'd always prayed we'd get to Season 3 at least because, you know,

two of our favourite scenes from the entire saga are in Season 3."

Breaking up Season 3 would also give Martin more time to finish the series' source material. The Song of Ice and Fire series is meant to include seven novels. The fifth installment, A Dance with Dragons, was published in 2011; Martin is still in the process of writing the sixth book, The Winds of Winter.

Anthony Bourdain. Eating his way around the world

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Anthony Bourdain might just have the best job in the world. In the eighth season of Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations, the chef takes his viewers on a tour of 15 locations on six continents.

Throughout the season, Bourdain plays with a venomous king cobra snake in Penang; is gouged, cupped and drained of blood by a Finnish massage therapist; rides a BMX bike on a beach in Mexico; and is kidnapped by The Black Keys.

While Bourdain claims there were no high-security moments so far this season, all of his adventures carry some element of danger.

He recalls his trip to Bei-



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rut in 2006: "When you're filming with expensive cameras in a place where people are very hungry, and a few dollars makes a difference of life and death, it can understandably get very tense."

Bourdain says his one guiding principle when choosing countries to visit is to find out where in the world will excite and interest

him most.

"If travelling around the world and being a guest of people [is a job], if it's not interesting and fun to me, I don't see any reason it would be interesting or fun to anybody else."

His formula is simple: Travel, eat, experience — and write.

"The place reveals itself to

us," he explains. "You can't write a script and try to conform your experiences to preconceptions."

Season 8 kicks off in Mozambique, where Bourdain was pleasantly surprised. "The food was amazing. I came out feeling hopeful of the world."

The Layover airs on Travel+Escape Tuesdays at 10 p.m. ET/PT.

The art of filming abroad

"The place reveals itself to us. You can't write a script and try to conform your experiences to preconceptions."

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Krysten Ritter is The B— in Apartment 23

Mean girl. Ever wondered what it would be like to live with the love child of Sid Vicious and Lucille Ball? Now you can find out

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Though harsh to refer to your main character as a b—, there really is no other way to describe opportunist Chloe (Krysten Ritter) in the new ABC sitcom *Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23*. Chloe herself boasts of having the “morals of a pirate.”

“If Holly Golightly and Satan had a child, it would be my character,” says Ritter.

And James Van Der Beek, who plays Chloe's best friend

has a slightly different view: “[She’s] the love child of Lucille Ball and Sid Vicious.”

No matter her mythical parentage, Chloe tiptoes the line between bad and just plain awful — in the pilot, she robs her sweet, new-to-New York roommate, June (Dreama Walker) — which means the balance between audiences loving or loathing Ms. B is even more precarious.

But Ritter rationalizes that Chloe's actions, despite how

outlandish they seem, aren't always selfish. “As long as I approach my character in making positive choices, that the end result seems to be somewhat heartfelt, you can get away with it,” she says.

After all, even seemingly naive June is able to crack Chloe's tough girl persona and ultimately become a member of her oddball entourage.

“June definitely ... outsmarts Chloe a little bit,” Walker says. “That's part of our dynamic



Krysten Ritter HANDOUT

and part of what makes her respect me and like me in the end.”

So is the B-word a severe moniker after all? Ritter

doesn't think so. “I'm an evil b—,” she says.

Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23 airs Wednesday nights on Citytv.

Lena Dunham. The new 20-something 'it' girl

Lena Dunham is deconstructing femininity right across the table.

Having spiffed up for some behind-the-scenes featurettes for her upcoming HBO series *Girls*, Dunham has relaxed into her seat at a Tribeca restaurant, not far from where she grew up. Shortly after shedding her overcoat, she pulls off her fake eyelashes too, apologizing for her manners and lamenting the forthright revelation of a women's “secret” to a member of the opposite sex.

“There's a certain point when I've had them on all day, I just want to be free of them,” she says, laughing.

Inhibition and a comical preference for naturalism run deep in Dunham and her work. She's a self-declared “over-sharer” whose Twitter feed is a steady stream of self-deprecating wit. (“I was lying totally still on the shower floor and really hurt my knee. And that, my friends, is proof I can do anything.”)

Her work (two features, a few Web series and now the TV show) is heavily personal, like her breakout film, 2010's *Tiny Furniture*, an indie she made for just \$25,000. Not yet 26, Dunham has already been profiled by the *New Yorker*, had *Tiny Furniture* released on DVD by the esteemed Criterion Collection and attracted the interest of comedy producer and filmmaker Judd Apatow, executive producer

What it feels like for a girl

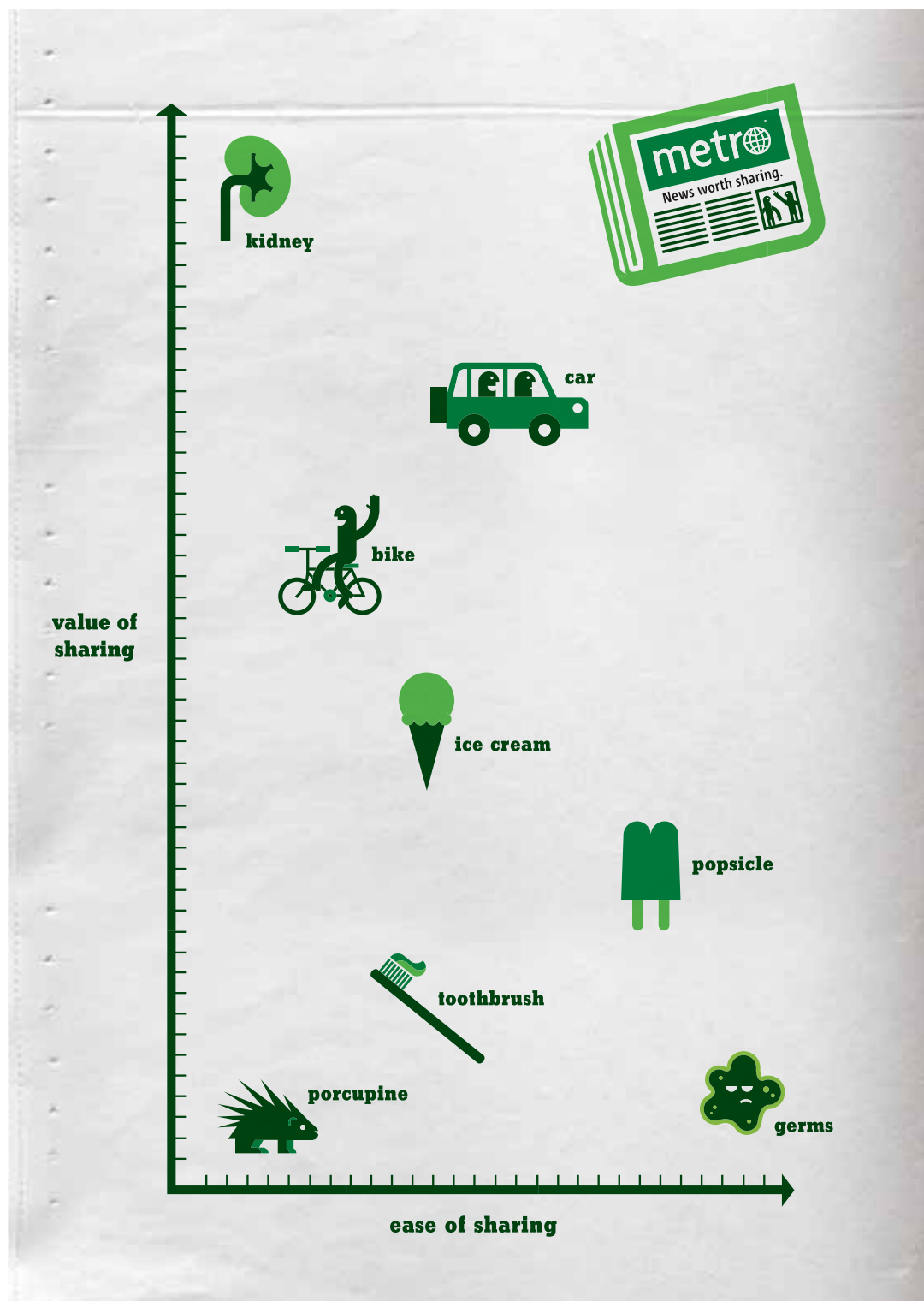
Girls, which Dunham wrote, stars in and produced, premieres Sunday but it's already captured the zeitgeist, sparking a dialogue about 20-something adulthood, femininity and sexuality.

- **Concept.** The show follows four young women (Dunham, Allison Williams, Jemima Kirke and Zosia Mamet) in post-collegiate drift, struggling in a difficult New York job market, chafing at conventional ideas of womanhood and dealing with male counterparts on a different wavelength.
- **Game on.** “It feels as though it's the right time for this show,” she says. “Women want a show like this. This generation wants a show like this — not to overstate our mission.”
- **Critics.** Dunham has been lauded for having no shyness in portraying her, as she terms it, “not exactly model-esque body” in unflattering sex scenes.

of *Girls*. Considering her unblemished good fortune, Apatow has advised Dunham to get a T-shirt that reads *The Inevitable Backlash*. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



The cast of *Girls* in New York on Wednesday DAVE ALLOCCA/STARPIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





Spears on X-Factor: Report

Britney Spears is reportedly close to a deal to join the U.S. version of The X Factor as a judge, according to Entertainment Weekly.

Though the singer is said to have passed on a previous \$10 million offer, negotiations have reportedly

brought the price up to \$15 million.

Spears would join the televised singing competition in the fall, settling in next to fellow judges L.A. Reid and Simon Cowell, who is also an executive producer.

Anthony files for divorce

After separating from wife Jennifer Lopez last July, Marc Anthony has finally made it official by filing for divorce, citing "irreconcilable differences," according to Hollyscoop.

Anthony is reportedly seeking joint legal and physical custody of their four-year-old twins, Max and Emma, and Anthony does not want to provide Lopez with any spousal support. The filing reportedly mandates that both parties pay their own legal fees as well.



Marc Anthony

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Not quite a bed of Roses

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Following speculation that there would be a reunion of the original lineup of Guns N' Roses at the band's induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Saturday, Axl Rose fired off an open letter to the Los Angeles Times, saying in no uncertain terms that not only was a reunion out of the question, but he doesn't even want to be inducted.

"I respectfully decline my induction as a member of Guns N' Roses to the Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame," he wrote in the 1,000-plus word letter. He then went on to "strongly request" that he not be inducted in absentia.

"Please know that no one is authorized nor may anyone be permitted to accept any induction for me or

speak on my behalf."

OK, that certainly sounds like he's taking his ball and going home, doesn't it?

"No one's taking the ball and going home. Don't get it twisted," he wrote.

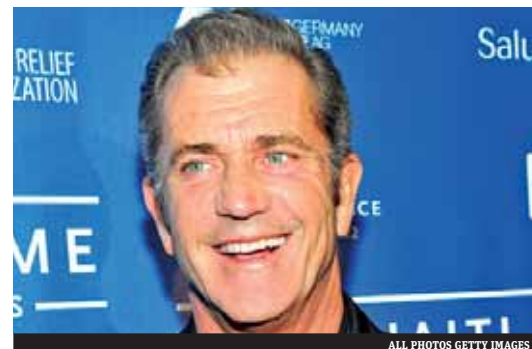
Oops, I guess we jumped the gun there.

Rose's letter goes on to rant about the greed of the music industry, the irresponsibility of the media (hey, we retracted our ball-and-going-home allegation) and sincerely thanks the Hall of Fame and fans.

What it boils down to, "This decision is personal," he said.

It's only hard to begrudge Rose's decision because that original lineup not only sounded great, but there really hasn't been a cooler-looking group of dudes playing hard rock since the original lineup.

OK, maybe Velvet Revolver looked as cool, because Slash played in that band too, but they had no Paradise City.



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Did Gibson put a hit out on ex-girlfriend?

Mel Gibson still has a lot of anger toward ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva — and has threatened to have her killed, according to a nine-page letter from screenwriter Joe Eszterhas to Gibson that was leaked to the Wrap.

"I want that c--- gone! you screamed," Eszterhas recounts in the letter.

"I'm going to get rid of her. No one will ever know! I'm not going to live this way the rest of my life! She's poisoning (my daughter) against me! She is evil! They worship the devil where she came from. She's going to disappear! Gone!" Eszterhas also con-

tends in the letter that the project they were collaborating on, The Maccabees, was scrapped because of Gibson's anti-Semitism.

"I've come to the conclusion that the reason you won't make The Maccabees is the ugliest possible one. You hate Jews," he writes. Gibson has responded with his own letter to Eszterhas, leaked to Deadline: "I will acknowledge like most creative people I am passionate and intense," Gibson writes, but counters that "the decision not to proceed with you was based on the quality of your script, not on any other factor."

Twitter



@kathygriffin

good God It's great that these celebs r so committed to doing DWTS, but going to the hospital? WTF? How bout just a nice hockey pokey, people?



@ActuallyNPH

I adore Amy Sedaris. Just watched her as the Tooth Fairy on Yo Gabba Gabba. She's maybe the coolest chick around. That's all.



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200 m in the pool, not much, between singing lessons, the boys and the rain it was all I could do



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ROMINA MCGUINNESS/ METRO WORLD NEWS

On the web



Home apple growers consider going organic



This recipe makes one loaf, about 16 slices. iSTOCK

Go b-a-n-a-n-a-s over this vanilla-flavoured loaf

Banana Loaf. The hint of vanilla will keep you coming back for more



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Banana loaf is perfect for an afternoon snack or part of your morning breakfast.

Warm it in the microwave for a fresh out of the oven taste then use it the next day for a very tasty french toast!

1. In a bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Then set these in-

gredients aside.

2. In a large bowl, beat the butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Stir in mashed bananas and sour cream. Add flour mixture to banana mixture and stir to moisten. Add walnuts if using and stir to

combine.

3. Scrape into 8 x 4 inch (1.5 L) loaf pan and bake in 350 F (180 C) oven for about 1 hour or until tester inserted in centre comes out clean.

4. Let cool in pan on rack. Remove from pan and let cool completely on rack.

Tips

- **Flour.** If you don't have both all purpose and whole wheat flours, simply use one throughout the recipe. You can also try the nutri-blend flour that has added bran.

- **Storage.** Wrap loaf whole or in quarters in plastic wrap and in heavy-duty foil, and freeze up to two weeks. Wrap loaf in plastic wrap and keep at room temperature for up to three days.

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Ingredients

- 1 cup (250 mL) all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) whole wheat flour
- 2 tsp (10 mL) baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter, softened
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla
- 2 very ripe bananas, mashed
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) sour cream
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) toasted chopped walnuts (optional)

Liquid Assets

Hitting hot spots in the wine world



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Even though I've been to amazing places around the wine world, I'm still surprised at the number of obvious hot spots I've never seen in real life.

While travelling in Northern Italy this week, I finally found myself in Piedmont — home of high fashion, truffles and wines made with the nebbiolo grape. Sadly, nebbiolo rarely comes cheap with its two most famous offspring — the vino from Barolo and Barbaresco — commanding prices that start somewhere around \$40 a bottle.

That isn't to say you can't drink Piedmont on a budget. Though growing in nebbiolo's shadow, barbera is the third most cultivated grape in Italy. Barbera typically produces balanced, fruit-driven wines with vineyards in the Piedmontese sub-regions of Asti and Alba, its preferred geography.

Though Asti is the same place the famous sweet sparkling wine comes from, Bersano's 2009 Costalunga Barbera d'Asti (\$11.95 - \$14.99) is a full-bodied, yet seductive red that, while nowhere near the weight of a Barolo, still commands a dark fruited presence in the glass.

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The recipe is for one serving, but the ingredients can be multiplied to suit the number of servings needed.

1. Coat non-stick skillet with cooking spray or oil. Arrange pepper ring and lightly crack egg into the centre. Cook for about 5 minutes over medium heat or until egg is desired doneness.

2. Meanwhile, warm ham slices in skillet next to egg.

3. On a plate, top one slice of toast with ham, arugula,

pepper ring and egg. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and Parmesan, if using. Serve with remaining toast. **DEMPSTER'S WHOLEGRAINS AND MAPLE LEAF NATURAL SELECTIONS/ THE CANADIAN PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDS.COOK.CA)**

Ingredients

- 1 red bell pepper ring (1 cm/1/2 inch thick)
- 1 egg
- 2 slices Black Forest ham or baked ham
- 2 slices whole-grain bread, toasted
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) arugula or spinach
- Pinch each salt and freshly ground pepper
- Freshly shaved Parmesan cheese (optional)

Take a note from Dr. Seuss' book with Green Eggs & Ham

Have some fun in the kitchen while creating this play on the classic Dr. Seuss story Green Eggs & Ham.

This dish would be perfect for a breakfast for kids of all ages.

1. In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta until tender but firm, about 8 minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water; set aside.

2. Remove florets from broccoli and set aside. Using

Ingredients

Casserole

- 250 g (8 oz) dried pasta (about 500 ml/2 cups) rigatoni, fusilli or penne
- 1 head broccoli
- 6 hard-cooked eggs, peeled and halved
- 250 ml (1 cup) cubed Black Forest ham (about 250 g/8 oz)
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced (white and light green parts)

Cheese Sauce

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) milk
- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded old cheddar cheese
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) dried mustard powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) freshly ground black pepper

Topping

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) shredded old cheddar cheese
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) minced fresh parsley (optional)



This recipe serves six. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

a knife, remove any hard knobs from broccoli stems. Chop stems to produce 250 ml (1 cup) of stem bits.

3. In boiling salted water, cook stem bits for 4 minutes; add broccoli florets and continue cooking for 3 minutes longer. Drain all broccoli and rinse with cold water. Scatter pasta, broccoli, eggs, ham and green onions evenly into six 500-ml (2-cup) gratin dishes.

4. Cheese Sauce: In a saucepan, heat butter over medium-low heat; add flour and cook, stirring, to make a roux (or paste), about 2 minutes.

5. Whisk in milk and cook, whisking continually, until thickened, about 6 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in cheese, mustard powder, salt and pepper. Continue whisking until cheese is

melted, about 4 minutes.

6. Pour cheese sauce over mixture in gratin dishes. Sprinkle remaining cheddar cheese and parsley, if using, over gratin dishes. Place dishes on large rimmed baking sheet and bake in a 190 C (375 F) oven until heated through and cheese is melted, about 20 minutes.

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"We don't have the personnel to get back at Weber so we might as well get on with that."

Detroit coach Mike Babcock, who says he has worked out any ill feelings over Nashville defenceman Shea Weber being fined for slamming Henrik Zetterberg's head into the glass at the end of Game 1. A hard-fought series was expected between these Central Division teams separated by only two points over the 82-game regular season, and the Predators stoked the rivalry Wednesday with a 3-2 win marked by 17 combined penalties between the NHL's least-penalized teams.

"We're not taking penalties tomorrow."

Mike Babcock

On the web



Kurt Angle, who won wrestling gold in Atlanta in 1996 before becoming famous in WWE, was forced to end his improbable attempt to make the U.S. team for the London Olympics due to a string of injuries. Scan the code for the story.



The Bruins' Tim Thomas stops a shot by the Capitals' Nicklas Backstrom in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference quarter-finals Thursday in Boston. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

Boston wins in OT

NHL. Bruins beat the Capitals for first win in quest to become repeat champions

Chris Kelly's newest piece of jewelry is a thick, padlocked chain that he wore around his neck after scoring the game-winning goal in Boston's play-off opener on Thursday night.

The message: Try not to be the weak link.

"He wasn't," Bruins goalie Tim Thomas said after Kelly's goal on a long slapshot 1:18 into overtime gave the defending Stanley Cup cham-

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pions a 1-0 victory over the Washington Capitals in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series.

"I had a good feeling that it was going to go in, and I had a good feeling about the guy who had the puck," said Thomas, the reigning Vezina and Conn Smythe Trophy winner. "I could tell he had something

tonight. He'd been winging a few past me in practice the past few days."

Thomas stopped all 17 shots he faced for Boston to earn his sixth career playoff shutout — four of them on Boston's 2011 championship run.

But he was matched for three periods by Capitals goalie Braden Holtby, a third-stringer making his playoff debut because of injuries to Tomas Vokoun and Michal Neuvirth.

Washington star Alex Ovechkin consoled Holtby on the ice while the Bruins celebrated their first victory in their quest to become the first repeat Stanley Cup champions since the Detroit Red Wings in

Lucky match?

- The last two times these teams have met in the playoffs, the winner has gone on to reach the Stanley Cup finals.
- The Bruins made it in 1990, and the Capitals in 1998.

1997-98.

Game 2 is Saturday at the TD Garden before the series moves to Washington for Games 3 and 4 on Monday and Thursday.

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NHL

Rangers off to flying start against Senators

Marian Gaborik and Brian Boyle scored minutes apart in the second period to break open a tight game, and the top-seeded New York Rangers opened their first-round Eastern Conference series with a 4-2 victory over the Ottawa Senators on Thursday night.

The Rangers, the No. 1 seed in the East for the first time since they won the Stanley Cup in 1994, shook off their 1-2-1 regular-season mark against the Senators and easily dispatched them in Game 1.

Ryan Callahan scored in the first period, Gaborik and Boyle pushed the lead to 3-0, and Brad Richards added a goal in the third for the Rangers. New York will host the No. 8 Senators again on Saturday night.

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NHL

Brent Sutter out as Flames coach

The Calgary Flames are looking for a new coach.

Brent Sutter agreed to part ways with the NHL team after three seasons, according to a release from the Flames on Thursday.

The decision came after a meeting between Sutter and general manager Jay Feaster. Sutter's contract was due to expire at the end of June.

The Flames narrowly missed the playoffs in all three seasons under Sutter,

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Brent Sutter. RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES

Sharks sink the Blues in double overtime



Antti Niemi makes a save against the St. Louis Blues Thursday in St. Louis, Mo. DILIP VISHWANATH/GETTY IMAGES

Martin Havlat scored his second goal of the game 3:34 into the second overtime, giving the San Jose Sharks a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues in Game 1 of their play-off series Thursday night.

Andrew Desjardins tied it for San Jose with 5:16 in regulation, banging in a one-timer from the slot from Tommy Wingels, and Dan Boyle had two assists. Antti Niemi, who won a Stanley Cup with Chicago in 2010, made 40 saves.

Patrik Berglund scored his first two career playoff goals

in the third period for the Blues, the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference.

St. Louis swept the regular season series 4-0 for the first time since 1994-95 and lost only six games in regulation at home during the regular season.

The Blues dropped the last two, however, to Phoenix and Columbus after clinching the Central Division.

While the Blues struggled at the finish of the regular season, going 4-4-3, the Sharks won four in a row and seven of nine.

Game 2

- Game 2 is Saturday night in St. Louis, and the Blues will be seeking their first post-season victory since 2004.

Havlat has scored 30 points in his last 29 playoff games, and put the Sharks up in the series. The Blues were in control most of the first overtime, reeling off nine shots in a row at one point.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS
(Best-of-7) — All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. OTTAWA (8)
(N.Y. Rangers lead series 1-0)

Last night's result
N.Y. Rangers 4 Ottawa 2
Tomorrow's game
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 16
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
BOSTON (2) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
(Boston leads series 1-0)

Last night's result
Boston 1 Washington 0 (OT)
Tomorrow's game
Washington at Boston, 3 p.m.

Monday, April 16
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 19
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

FLORIDA (3) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
Tonight's game
New Jersey at Florida, 7 p.m.

Sunday's game
New Jersey at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 19
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

PITTSBURGH (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (5)
(Philadelphia leads series 1-0)

Wednesday's result
Philadelphia 4 Pittsburgh 3 (OT)
Tonight's game
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's game
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.

RANGERS 4, SENATORS 2

First Period
1. N.Y. Rangers, Callahan 1 (Stralman, Anisimov) 12:01

Penalties — Kuba Ott (holding) 4:00, Prust NYR (tripping) 8:11, Bickel NYR (cross-checking) 15:13, Karlsson Ott, Boyle NYR (roughing) 15:31.

Second Period
2. N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 1, 16:24

3. N.Y. Rangers, Boyle 1 (Anisimov, Girardi) 19:06

Penalties — McDonagh NYR (tripping) 12:56, Kuba Ott (hooking) 16:53.

Third Period
4. N.Y. Rangers, Richards 1 (Hagelin) 2:15

5. Ottawa, Alfredsson 1 (Spezza, Michalek) 10:05

6. Ottawa, Condra 1 (Foligno, Turris) 17:41

Penalties — Neil Ott, Rupp NYR (misconduct) 2:51, Smith Ott (slashing) 7:44, Smith Ott (delay of game) 12:04.

Shots on goal by
Ottawa 13 11 8 — 32

N.Y. Rangers 8 12 11 — 31

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (L,O-1-0); N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (W,1-0-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 0-3; N.Y. Rangers: 0-4.

Attendance — 18,200 (18,200) at New York.

SHARKS 3, BLUES 2 (2OT)

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — None.

Second Period
1. San Jose, Havlat 1 (Boyle, Clowe) 6:02 (pp)

Penalties — Perron STL (slashing) 4:23, Demers SJ (interference) 9:40, Backes STL (interference) 14:33, Galiardi SJ (interference) 16:54.

Third Period
2. St. Louis, Berglund 1 (Shattenkirk, Steen) 0:54

3. St. Louis, Berglund 2 (McDonald, Russell) 7:28 (pp)

4. San Jose, Desjardins 1 (Wingels, Boyle) 14:44

Penalties — Mitchell SJ (unsportsmanlike conduct), Berglund STL (roughing) 4:23,

Havlat SJ (tripping) 6:31, Huskins STL (hooking) 8:23.

First Overtime — No Scoring.

Wednesday, April 18
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles leads series 1-0)

Wednesday's result
Los Angeles 4 Vancouver 2

Tonight's game
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's game
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

ST. LOUIS (2) VS. SAN JOSE (7)
(San Jose leads series 1-0)

Last night's result
San Jose 3 St. Louis 2 (2OT)

Tomorrow's game
San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 16
St. Louis at San Jose, 10 p.m.

Thursday, April 19
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

PHOENIX (3) VS. CHICAGO (6)
Last night's result
Chicago at Phoenix

Tomorrow's game
Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17
Phoenix at Chicago, 9 p.m.

Thursday, April 19
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.

NASHVILLE (4) VS. DETROIT (5)
(Nashville leads series 1-0)

Wednesday's result
Nashville 3 Detroit 2

Tonight's game
Detroit at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's game
Nashville at Detroit, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17
Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Penalties — None.

Second Overtime
5. San Jose, Havlat 2 (Clowe, Couture) 3:34

Penalties — None.

Shots on goal by
San Jose 4 9 10 8 3—34

St. Louis 7 13 8 14 0—42

Goal — San Jose: Niemi (W,1-0-0); St. Louis: Halak (L,0-1-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — San Jose: 1-3; St. Louis: 1-3.

Attendance — 19,333 (19,150) at St. Louis, Mo.

LATE WEDNESDAY

KINGS 4, CANUCKS 2

First Period
1. Vancouver, Burrows 1 (H. Sedin, Kesler) 4:17

2. Los Angeles, Richards 1 (Kopitar, Doughty) 13:31 (pp)

Penalties — Stoll LA (charging) 2:06, Penner LA (tripping) 9:51, Kesler Vcr (unsportsmanlike conduct) 12:32, Higgins Vcr (delay of game) 13:21, Edler Vcr (delay of game) 14:23,

Salo Vcr (hooking) 17:41.

Second Period
3. Los Angeles, Mitchell 1 (Martinez, Williams) 16:33 (pp)

4. Vancouver, Edler 1 (Lapierre, Kesler) 19:52

Penalties — Kassian Vcr (charging) 3:24, Stoll LA (holding) 3:48, Lapierre Vcr (charging) 6:50, Bitz Vcr (boarding major, game misconduct) 12:12.

Third Period
5. Los Angeles, Penner 1 (Carter, Richards) 16:46

6. Los Angeles, Brown 1 (Richards, Carter) 19:42 (en)

Penalties — Martinez LA (hooking) 2:58, Nolan LA (slashing) 13:55.

Shots on goal by
Los Angeles 13 16 10 — 39

Vancouver 6 8 12 — 26

Goal — Los Angeles: Quick (W,1-0); Vancouver: Luongo (L,0-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 2-7; Vancouver: 0-5.

Attendance — 18,890 (18,890) at Vancouver.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	4	2	.667	—
Toronto	4	2	.667	—
Baltimore	3	3	.500	1
New York	3	3	.500	1
Boston	1	5	.167	3

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	5	1	.833	—
Chicago	3	2	.600	1½
Kansas City	3	3	.500	2
Minnesota	2	4	.333	3
Cleveland	1	4	.200	3½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	5	2	.714	—
Seattle	4	4	.500	1½
Oakland	3	4	.429	2
Los Angeles	2	4	.333	2½

Yesterday's results
Detroit 7 Tampa Bay 2

Minnesota 10 L.A. Angels 9

Texas 5 Seattle 3

Wednesday's results
Toronto 3 Boston 1

Chicago White Sox 10 Cleveland 6

Minnesota 6 L.A. Angels 5

NY Yankees 6 Baltimore 4 (10 innings)

Oakland 5 Kansas City 4 (12 innings)

Seattle 4 Texas 3

Tampa Bay 4 Detroit 2

Today's games — All Times Eastern
L.A. Angels (E.Santana 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 0-1), 1:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Price 1-0) at Boston (Beckett 0-1), 2:05 p.m.

Detroit (Scherzer 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Peavy 0-0), 2:10 p.m.

Cleveland (D.Lowe 1-0) at Kansas City (Hochavar 1-0), 4:10 p.m.

Baltimore (Tom-Hunter 1-0) at Toronto (Morrow 0-0), 7:07 p.m.

Texas (M.Harrison 1-0) at Minnesota (Swarzak 0-1), 8:10 p.m.

Oakland (Colon 1-1) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 1-0), 10:10 p.m.

HOCKEY

IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At Burlington, Vt.

PLAYOFFS

Championship Bracket

Today's games — All Times Eastern

Fifth Place

Russia vs. Sweden, 5 p.m.

Semifinals

Canada vs. Finland, 3 p.m.

U.S. vs. Switzerland, 7 p.m.

RELEGATION BRACKET

(Best-of-3; loser drops down to B-Pool)

(Germany leads series 1-0)

Today's game

Slovakia vs. Germany, 1 p.m.

IIHF MEN'S UNDER-18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Yesterday's results

At Brno, Czech Republic

Canada 6 Denmark 1

U.S. 4 Finland 0

At Znojmo, Czech Republic

Russia 6 Latvia 1

Sweden 8 Germany 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	5	2	.714	—
New York	4	2	.667	½
Philadelphia	3	3	.500	1½
Atlanta	2	4	.333	2½
Miami	2	5	.286	3

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	5	2	.714	—
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	1
Houston	3	3	.500	1½
Cincinnati	3	4	.429	2
Pittsburgh	2	3	.400	2
Chicago	2	5	.286	3

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	5	1	.833	—
Arizona	4	1	.800	½
Colorado	2	4	.333	3
San Diego	2	4	.333	3
San Francisco	2	4	.333	3

Yesterday's results
Chicago Cubs 8 Milwaukee 0

Philadelphia 3 Miami 1

San Francisco 4 Colorado 2

Washington 3 Cincinnati 2 (10 ings)

Arizona at San Diego

Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers

Wednesday's results
Atlanta 6 Houston 3

Cincinnati 4 St. Louis 3

Colorado 17 San Francisco 8

L.A. Dodgers 4 Pittsburgh 1

Milwaukee 2 Chicago Cubs 1

Philadelphia 7 Miami 1

San Diego 2 Arizona 1

Washington 4 N.Y. Mets 0

Today's games — All Times Eastern
Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 1-0) at St. Louis (Wainwright 0-1), 3:15 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 0-0) at San Francisco (M.Cain 0-0), 4:35 p.m.

Cincinnati (Arroyo 0-0) at Washington (Zimmermann 0-1), 7:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Dickey 1-0) at Philadelphia (CLLee 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

Houston (Harrell 1-0) at Miami (Nolasco 1-0), 7:10 p.m.

Milwaukee (Wolf 0-1) at Atlanta (Jurjens 0-1), 7:35 p.m.

Arizona (D.Hudson 1-0) at Colorado (Nicasio 0-0), 8:40 p.m.

San Diego (Richard 1-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Harang 0-1), 10:10 p.m.

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Toronto	13	7	6	.538	158	153	—
x-Philadelphia	14	7	7	.500	159	183	½
Buffalo	13	5	8	.385	159	168	2
Rochester	13	5	8	.385	159	164	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Calgary	14	11	3	.786	195	150	—
x-Colorado	13	10	3	.769	174	159	½
Minnesota	13	6	7	.462	157	158	4½
Edmonton	12	4	8	.333	125	135	6
Washington	13	4	9	.308	141	157	6½

x — clinched playoff berth.

Tomorrow's games — All Times Eastern

Calgary at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Buffalo at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Toronto at Colorado, 9 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	45	14	.763	—
x-Miami	40	17	.702	4
Indiana	36	22	.621	8½
d-Boston	34	24	.586	10½
Atlanta	34	24	.586	10½
Orlando	34	24	.586	10½
Philadelphia	31	27	.534	13½
New York	30	28	.517	14½
Milwaukee	28	30	.483	16½
Detroit	22	36	.379	22½
New Jersey	21	38	.356	24
Cleveland	19	37	.339	24½
Toronto	20	39	.339	25
Washington	14	44	.241	30½
Charlotte	7	50	.123	37

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	42	16	.724	—
x-San Antonio	41	16	.719	½
d-L.A. Lakers	37	22	.627	5½
L.A. Clippers	36	23	.610	6½
Memphis	34	24	.586	8
Dallas	32	26	.552	10
Houston	32	26	.552	10
Denver	32	26	.552	10
Utah	31	28	.525	11½
Phoenix	30	28	.517	12
Portland	28	31	.475	14½
Minnesota	25	35	.417	18
Golden State	22	35	.386	19½
Sacramento	19	40	.322	23½
New Orleans	16	42	.276	26

d — division leader; x — clinched playoff berth; y — clinched division

Last night's results
Chicago 96 Miami 86 (OT)

Detroit 109 Charlotte 85

Crossword

Across

1 Ump
4 Spat
8 Walk of Fame emblem
12 Eggs
13 Lotion additive
14 Quasimodo's creator
15 Author Peter
17 Piccadilly statue
18 New Mexico art colony
19 Shabby
20 Polished
22 Bat a gnat
24 Being, to Brutus
25 TV host Peter
29 Island souvenir
30 Cobbler's supply
31 Halloween shout
32 Singer Peter
34 Machu Picchu's site
35 Normandy city
36 Attuned
37 Marshlike
40 Antitoxins
41 Bloodhound's clue
42 Late newsman Peter
46 1492 craft
47 "Zounds!"
48 Bill's partner
49 Recognized
50 Take-out phrase
51 Eternity

Down

1 Filch
2 Prior night
3 Disney classic
4 California-Nevada lake
5 Afflictions
6 Adversary
7 "SNL" alumna Tina
8 Scabbard
9 Swerve
10 Enthusiastic
11 Optimistic
16 Yogi Bear's home
19 Factor in Einstein's equation
20 "To thine own — be true"
21 Internet surfer
22 Beauty parlor
23 Small songbird
25 Speck
26 Temporary inactivity
27 Traditional tales
28 Stentorian
30 Fix, in a sense
33 Dr. Phil
34 Graceful young woman
36 Japanese fencing
37 Hit
38 Valhalla VIP
39 Vanished



40 Sweater woe
42 Lustrous black
43 Freudian concept
44 Sticky stuff

45 Heir, often

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

U Y J G D V R U V K D I E I V E
D S U U B U S K V E B J J V G R S K J V Z M
O S S M J E Y O O O K S U J I B B T:
"E V K J V Z M E K G T B J O S K B X B K."
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A ROBOT IS
VERY ABSORBED IN VIEWING SOMETHING,
MIGHT ONE SAY ITS EYES ARE RIVETED?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals T

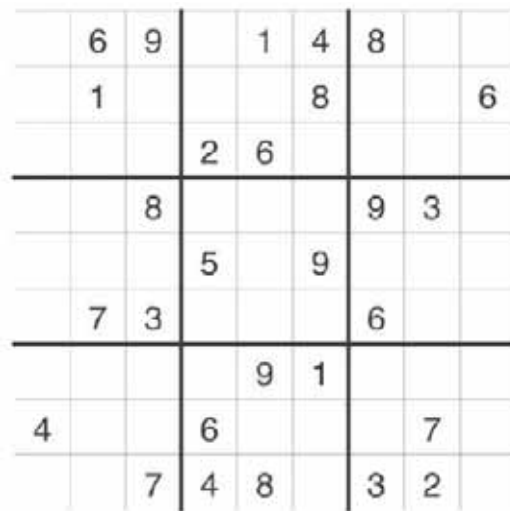
Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. It may be Friday the 13th but don't be afraid to take a few chances.
♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You may be short of self-belief at the moment but your confidence will soar when you realize there is little, if anything, to fear.
♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Use the morning to get your thoughts together and make plans, then act quickly and decisively in the after noon hours.
♊ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Question everything you're told today — not just things that are suspect but even things you have no reason to be suspicious of.

♊ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Being the nice guy you are, you tend to give people the benefit of the doubt. Today, don't risk your money on other people's promises.
♊ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Do you knock off early or get as much work done as possible? Knuckle down now, then enjoy the weekend.
♊ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Loved ones feel a little left out of things at the moment, so find out what it is they need from you and give it to them.
♊ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Some tasks can be safely ignored today and some tasks need to be dealt with straight away.

♊ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Don't come across too eager on the work front today because that will make you look desperate and put you at a disadvantage.
♊ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Try not to let minor fears become major anxieties today. Be positive, and life will be positive too.
♊ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You seem to believe a simple problem must have a complicated solution. Stand back from the situation and see it for what it really is.
♊ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. If you want to change your world for the better you have got to take action, and soon. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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